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Reform promised by Christmas

Leadership snub angers local Tories

By Philip Webster and Andrew Pierce

GRASSROOTS Conservatives rounded on the party at Westminster last night after the 164 Tory MPs decided that they alone would choose a successor to John Major.

The contest will begin on June 10 under the existing rules after the backbench 1922 Committee rejected activists' demands — backed by the party chairman Brian Mawhinney — that they should have a say.

Members did, however, win a promise of root-and-branch reform after next month's contest, which will now almost certainly be the last conducted solely by MPs.

Even so, the National Union, the party's voluntary arm, will press ahead with plans to give its association chairmen a vote and will publish the results the night before the first ballot.

Robin Hodgson, the National Union chairman, who has been pressing for activist involvement, was diplomatic in his public comments in spite of his disappointment. But others were angry and spoke of a party in ferment.

Welcoming the promise of change in the future, Mr Hodgson said: "It is a breakthrough. An agreement will be reached by Christmas. The new system will be in place for the next leadership contest. But clearly I am very sad and disappointed that not enough MPs could be persuaded to make a change in time for the next election."

But Baroness Miller of Hendon, a leading member of the National Union executive, feared that there would be a further fall in party membership. "Ordinary members will be up in arms tonight. They are the ones who worked hard, in all weathers, to try to secure the re-election of a Tory government," she said.

"They blame the MPs for losing us the election because they were so disloyal. Yet these are the ones who have decided they are the only ones who are capable of choosing their leader. I have not known the party membership in such a ferment since MPs decided to get rid of Margaret Thatcher. There was a groundswell in favour of change before the election. Since we have been robbed of representation in Wales, Scotland and most major cities, the groundswell has grown into a clamour for change. I am very sad and very disappointed."

Lord Archer of Weston-super-Mare, a former deputy chairman of the party and leading advocate of reform, said: "The real decision will be made not by the 1922 but by the next leader of the party. If the new leader decides to do nothing about involving the grassroots, there will be a riot at the party conference. It will be awful. It will not exactly send the cleverest signal to the country that we intend to build a democratic mass membership party if the new leader is chosen by 164 MPs."

Yesterday's decision was a setback for William Hague, the former Welsh Secretary, who is widely believed to be the favourite among local members. But his campaign team was undaunted, and called on other candidates to match Mr Hague's pledge to submit himself to an immediate conference of members for endorsement if elected.

John Redwood, another of the six candidates, said: "It is a perfect resolution. The new leader will be chosen under a system which has the unanimous backing of the 1922 Committee and the full support of the voluntary wing of the party."

The 18-strong 1922 executive agreed yesterday morning that there should be no change in the present method of electing the leader and Sir Archibald saw Mr Hodgson at lunchtime. Mr Hodgson apparently reluctantly accepted that the MPs would not be moved and was reported to have backed the deal. Later a full meeting of the party's MPs decided in less than 10 minutes to hold the contest on the present rules.

The six candidates will therefore face their first ballot on June 10. If no candidate achieves an overall majority, there will be a second ballot a week later. If there is still no outright majority, the two top candidates will hold a run-off two days later on June 19.

Sir Archibald will then present options for the new election rules to the 1922 Committee before the summer recess. These will be considered by the party conference in the autumn and the committee is expected to vote on the plans by the end of the year.

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PETER NICHOLLS

Pavlos Georgiou arrives at Larnaca yesterday where he swaggered into court, joked with photographers and seemed to enjoy his celebrity status

Janette Pink escorted by her mother

Cypriot forced to attend Aids trial

From Daniel McGrory
in Larnaca

DETECTIVES were ordered by a Cypriot judge to arrest a fisherman accused of infecting his British lover with Aids after he admitted himself into a clinic hours before his trial was due to begin yesterday.

Janette Pink looked distraught and confused as her unprecedented legal challenge began in a Larnaca court without the man she accuses of sentencing her to death. For six hours she waited in the stifling court precincts, unsure whether Pavlos Georgiou, 40, would be brought from the Aids ward at the city's general hospital a mile away.

Mr Georgiou's doctor had explained that the father of four, who has HIV and whose wife had died of the disease, was suddenly fearful yesterday that he was developing dangerous symptoms of the virus.

She shook her head in disgust when the court was told how Mr Georgiou complained that he had a fever only two hours before the case was due to start. The judge looked equally incredulous when Dr Yiannis Demetriades conceded that his patient's temperature had been found to be normal. The judge immediately sent police to the hospital.

Maria Malachatou, the state prosecutor, underlined the urgency of hearing Mrs Pink's testimony. "She has great health problems which makes her appearance in court in the future very doubtful," the prosecutor said.

When he eventually arrived in the afternoon, Mr Georgiou, a muscular and heavily built man, appeared a picture of health as he climbed from the police car, gave a thumbs up to cameramen and swaggered into the crowded court, apparently enjoying his celebrity status.

If convicted, he faces up to two years in prison or a £1,800 fine. Mr Georgiou denies the charge.

Mrs Pink, 45, was already in court with her parents, Victor and Sylvia Rushton, when Mr Georgiou arrived. When the moment came after her ten-month campaign to confront the man she says knowingly infected her, she could not look him in the eye. Instead she stared ahead while her father threw a protective arm around her.

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Cambridge top again

Cambridge tops *The Times* ranking of universities for the fifth successive year, extending its narrow lead over Oxford. St Andrews emerges as Scotland's finest.

The league table, which compares the 96 universities on eight measures, was altered to give extra weight to official assessments of teaching and research Pages 38, 39

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Leggings ban

Miniskirts and leggings have been banned by the new regime in the Democratic Republic of Congo. A radio station said that clothes which display the female figure should not be worn and that women should dress themselves with "decency" in public........................Page 16

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Methodists act over sex abuse by church officials

By Ruth Gledhill, Religion Correspondent

MEN in the Methodist church, including ministers and lay workers, are sexually abusing women with whom they come into contact, according to a Methodist Church report published today.

In an unprecedented acknowledgement of the gravity of the situation, the Methodist Conference will observe a minute's silence "as a mark of sorrow" when it meets in London next month.

A tiny fraction of the church's 3,660 ministers and 10,000 preachers are involved and only a minority of the country's 1.2 million Methodists have experienced abuse or been abusers. But the situation is considered sufficiently serious for the church to be planning a review of disciplinary procedures. A task force to monitor the progress of victims of sexual abuse may be set up.

The report was written by a working party after all district chairmen were asked in 1996 about disciplinary matters over the previous 15 years.

Of 65 cases of sexual harrassment, 55 involved men against women or girls, five were men against men, three involved women against men and two involved women against other women.

But the report says: "Of the total of 65 cases involving complaints of harassment, perhaps the most worrying feature is the significant number in which the resignation of the minister effectively prevented disciplinary action."

The church uses a disciplinary court system where a panel of six hears cases in private. Many ministers avoid these by resigning as soon as a complaint is made. And many victims find the strain of making the complainttoo difficult to bear.

The report says the church is often seen as a haven for people experiencing difficulty and who are seeking to have their innermost needs met. "Nonetheless it is in the act of seeking help and support at times of trouble that some of the women we have heard from have made themselves more vulnerable to the potential for harassment."

The Methodist church last night emphasised that it does not consider the problem to be any worse in the church than in other organisations but it wants to set a lead by confronting it head on.

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'Mail' proprietor switches to Labour

By James Landale and Carol Midgely

VISCOUNT Rothermere, proprietor of the *Daily Mail*, which supports the Tories, has joined the Labour benches in the House of Lords.

The chairman of the Daily Mail and General Trust, parent company of the Associated Newspapers group, sat on the government benches on Wednesday afternoon during the final day's debate on the Queen's Speech.

Last night Lord Rothermere said: "Paul Dacre [editor of the *Daily Mail*] is a great editor and I have a very good relationship with him, but we do not always share exactly the same views on politics."

Lord Rothermere, 71, is listed in *Dod's Parliamentary Companion*, the bible of the Palace of Westminster, as sitting as a Conservative since he inherited his title from his father in 1978. His grandfather and father, the first and second viscounts, sat on the Liberal benches.

However, the present holder of the title does not appear on the Opposition whips' list of Conservative peers and there was confusion last night as to his formal political allegiance in the Lords. The House's information office said that Lord Rothermere had not attended the Lords for at least the past two parliamentary sessions, effectively since 1995. According to Lords' records, Lord Rothermere had not sworn the oath of allegiance for the past two sessions and therefore was unable to take his seat.

A spokesman for the peer said: "If he had attended, he would probably have sat on the crossbenches." However, Lord Rothermere swore the oath on Wednesday May 7, the

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England clean up their act — and win

By Damian Whitworth

THE England cricket team, under pressure to smarten up both their play and their dress, did just that at Headingley yesterday. They rang the changes with a tidy victory, after a shaky start, over Australia and turned in a solid team performance in the fashion stakes.

The Surrey pair Adam Hollioake and Graham Thorpe rescued England to give the home side a six-wicket victory in the first one-day international. Hollioake, who was named man-of-the-match, ended the game with a mighty six over square-leg to finish with an unbeaten 66, his first international 50.

Thorpe made the top score with 75, his 12th international half-century, as England, set 171 to win, reached the target in 40.1 of their 50 overs. The left-hander overcame the threat of Shane Warne, who switched ends twice but never settled down on a cold, dark day.

The England captain Mike Atherton said: "We bowled and fielded well and then Adam and Graham saw us home from a difficult position."

Earlier this week it emerged that the England team had been issued with a 28-page rule book with strict instructions on their dress, diet and deportment. Yesterday they duly turned out in smart uniform kit with the England and Wales cricket board crest of a coronet and three lions and for the television interviews they were wore traditional cricket caps.

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Blair pledges new era of dialogue with EU leaders

By Philip Webster, Political Editor, and Charles Bremner in Brussels

TONY Blair will today promise a fresh start in Britain's relations with Europe, declaring that it will be "dialogue and not war".

But when he makes his first *appearance on the European stage at a special summit of* European Union leaders at Noordwijk in The Netherlands, Mr Blair will say that for him the bottom line will always be what is in Britain's interests. And he will give a warning about the direction of the EU, saying that the "elites" are paying too little attention *to ordinary people.*

"It is a question of Britain first," will be the message that the Prime Minister gives to his fellow leaders. And he will swiftly underline it by making plain that he will not agree to any weakening of Britain's authority over its border controls. He will also make a plea for a "people's *Europe" and* pledge to stand in the way of any attempt to create a United States of Europe.

With his European colleagues looking for signs that *Mr Blair might* be ready to compromise, *ministers* were stressing yesterday *that* Mr Blair will today be opening a new era of "constructive engagement". He will pledge today that "we intend to end the air of impotence and defeatism which characterised the last government's attitude to Europe".

However, at the gathering *which has been called to prepare for the crucial summit* at Amsterdam next month, at which a new treaty on the future of the EU is to be signed, Mr Blair intends to leave his colleagues in no doubt that he will be just as tough on specific issues as his *Conservative predecessors. He is to demand legal authority* for British frontier controls and its control over immigration and asylum to be written into the Amsterdam treaty. "There is no question of us giving up our border controls," Mr Blair will say.

The Dutch presidency of the EU, backed by France and Germany, have tabled a treaty text calling for the abolition of national vetoes over asylum and immigration policy three years after the new treaty comes into effect.

Mr Blair's insistence on recognition in the treaty of *Britain's stance rather than a series of opt-outs,* which Government officials have suggested he does not regard as sufficient, is clearly intended to prove to his fellow leaders that he will be no pushover.

The Prime Minister will also join with leaders from Sweden, Finland, Austria and *Ireland to resist strongly Franco-German proposals* for the EU to become a potential rival to Nato.

The arrival of the Labour team, with its promise to "take Britain off the sidelines" and back into EU business, *prompted delight across the EU earlier this month. But old* anxieties have returned as London has dug in its heels on frontiers, defence, foreign policy and other issues, leading a French diplomat to say "the music has certainly changed, but the words sound rather *familiar".*

☐ *Mr Blair yesterday* disclosed he will not be ordering the removal of security gates and barriers in Downing Street. He said in a Commons written reply: "Security measures at Downing Street are *kept under constant review and our advice is at present* they should remain."

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Bonn softens stance on mad cow disease

By Roger Boyes, in Bonn, and Michael Hornsby

GERMANY *eased its hardline* stance on "mad cow" disease yesterday, conceding for the first time that the transmission of the disease from cow to calf was "very unlikely".

The admission by the Federal Agriculture Ministry does *not mean the ban on* British beef is *about to be lifted but* suggests Bonn may be taking a more pragmatic approach to a problem that has bedevilled relations between Britain and the rest of Europe. Fears of *maternal transmission of BSE* have fuelled demands in the *European Union* for a *more* extensive cull of British cattle at risk that under way.

British research suggests that maternal transmission does occasionally occur but *not often enough to prolong* the epidemic or to warrant a more extensive cull. If that is accepted in Bonn, the Government could find it easier to get agreement on relaxing the beef export ban, at least for meat from Northern Ireland, *where there has been* little BSE.

Some 14,000 offspring of cattle originating from Britain or Switzerland have been quarantined in Germany since the discovery of a BSE-infected Galloway cow in Westphalia at the end of last *year. The cow was later found to be an import from Britain* but confusion over its origin was enough to spark a new wave of mad cow panic in Germany.

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Mo Mowlam, Northern Ireland Secretary, arriving for a Cabinet meeting yesterday

Protestants braced for loss of historic seat of power

By Nicholas Watt, Chief Ireland Correspondent

UNIONISTS were braced last night for the loss of Belfast City Council, the citadel of Protestant power in Ulster.

Early results from Wednesday's local elections in Northern *Ireland showed that Sinn Fein and the Social Democratic* and Labour Party had polled strongly throughout Belfast at the expense of Unionists.

If the trend continued today, when the final wards are *counted, Unionists could lose* control of the council they have ruled since the authority was given its Royal Charter by Queen Victoria in 1888. The result would pave the way for the first nationalist Lord Mayor in the history of Belfast.

With 15 of the 51 seats in *Belfast declared last night,* Sinn Fein's vote had increased by 3.9 per cent. Sydney Elliott, Northern Ireland's leading psephologist, predicted that non-Unionists would win 26 seats and the Unionists would take 25. The two nationalists *parties would not have overall* control of the council, however, because the middle-of-the-road Alliance Party would hold the balance of power.

The loss of Belfast would have huge symbolic importance *for Unionism. Londonderry, the other main city* council, has been controlled by nationalists for years.

One of the SDLP's gains yesterday came in the Balmoral area of South Belfast, which was a strongly Unionist area until the 1960s. Middle-class Catholics have been *moving* into the area from West Belfast, prompting Protestants to move to outlying areas such as North Down.

Martin Morgan, a leading member of the SDLP in Belfast, said that he hoped the *strong showing by nationalists would end tribal politics in* the city. "The symbolic posts in this city must be rotated between the two traditions. We do not want to see the tribal politics of Unionists being replaced by other tribalism," he said.

Sinn Fein had a strong showing at the general election, increasing its share of the vote to 16 per cent. Gerry Adams, the party president, swept aside the SDLP in West Belfast with a majority of nearly 10,000.

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first day peers and MPs returned to Parliament after the *election and has sat since on the Labour benches.*

His move to *Labour* came as a shock to party officials in the Lords, who knew nothing of the decision. Lord Strathclyde, Tory opposition Chief Whip in the Lords, had not been told about the move either. "It is a surprise," he said.

However, Lord Rothermere's *decision to sit on the Labour benches does not come entirely out of the blue. He has* been hinting at *his possible* support for many months. He was quoted yesterday in one of his newspapers, the London *Evening Standard,* as saying that Labour "are carrying out so many policies I believe in".

Through his office, he said in a statement: "The Government is doing all the things the last *Government* should have done, but failed to do."

His office added: "This is no more than a *statement of* approval of how the new Government has got off to a good start. It is really to leave the door open and see where it goes. He and other newspapers were more than a little disillusioned with the last *Government.*"

The *spokesman confirmed* that one of the issues Lord Rothermere is concerned about is Britain's strict quarantine laws. "He lives in Paris, he does have pets, and they are *obviously forbidden to* come into this country under the present legislation. He, with many dog owners, would like to see a relaxation of the rules with the proper tagging and vaccinations."

Although the *Daily Mail* and *The Mail on Sunday* backed the Conservatives at the election, the *Evening Standard* supported Tony Blair. Lord *Rothermere* has dined *privately with the Labour* leader this year and publicly praised him in newspaper interviews before the general election. He told the *Financial Times*: "Tony Blair is a very capable, very charming, very astute man, full of enthusiasm *and drive.*"

Vyvyan Harmsworth, director of corporate affairs at Associated Newspapers, said of Mr Dacre's editorship of the *Daily Mail* that the newspaper "will continue in the vein he *wishes it to.* He is very *much in charge.*"

Rothermere: worried by quarantine laws

No 10 man to be our envoy in Canberra

By Valerie Elliott

ALEX ALLAN, Principal Private Secretary in the Prime Minister's office in the most *difficult days of John Major's* tenure, is to be the High Commissioner in Australia. He will leave Downing Street next month.

His post is to be filled by Jonathan Powell, 40, Tony Blair's Chief of Staff and a former diplomat. It will be the first time a political appointee has held this *post at the heart of government.* While some Whitehall traditionalists *raised their eyebrows,* others saw *it* as a "very positive move". Mr Powell is keeping up a family tradition — his older brother, Sir Charles Powell, was Private Secretary to Margaret Thatcher.

Mr Allan, 46, a former Treasury official, has been at No 10 for more than five years. An Old Harrovian and son of a peer, *Lord Allan of Kilmahew,* Mr Allan had wanted to return to Australia for some time after being seconded to the High Commission by the Treasury in the early 1980s.

He will replace Sir Roger Carrick, who *has* completed his three-year term of office.

Nursery vouchers to be scrapped in July

Free nursery places will be available for every four-year-old from September *next* year, the Government promised yesterday when it announced the abolition of nursery vouchers.

The £1,100 vouchers will be scrapped at the end of the *summer* term, David Blunkett, the Education and Employment Secretary said. But some parents who want a private nursery or playgroup place *may* have to apply for a certificate until free places are agreed.

Mr Blunkett said that £674 million from the voucher scheme would go directly to local authorities, which will have until next April to set out which providers receive state funding *so that they can offer* free places.

Counties fight capping

Three county councils said that they would challenge a decision by John Prescott, the Environment Secretary, to cap their budgets, forcing them to impose swingeing cuts on services. Oxfordshire, Somerset and Warwickshire have been given four weeks in which to attempt to persuade Mr Prescott to change his mind. *If the county councils fail,* they will have to cut £6 million, £3.4 *million* and £2 *million* respectively from their budgets.

Commons circus act

A *part-time* circus performer and cycling fanatic announced yesterday an attempt to pedal 200 yards along a steel tightrope 50ft to 80ft *above the Thames to the* House of Commons. If he is successful, Adam Harper would be the first person recorded to make a bicycle tightrope crossing of the river. To add extra "zip" *to his feat,* he plans to ride a Zike, one of the electronic vehicles that emerged from Sir Clive Sinclair's workshop.

Bullfrog barrier

New laws to crack down on the illegal trade *in rare* and endangered wildlife are to be introduced, including bigger fines and longer prison sentences for smugglers. The government announcement came as 49 foreign plants and animals were added to the list of those in which trade is controlled. They include the American bullfrog and red-eared *terrapin,* which threaten wildlife here, and other species considered *to be at risk in their own countries.*

Women shooters protest

Leading women clay-pigeon shooters, including England internationals, are boycotting the World Beretta Shooting Championships over prize money. About half the women entered withdrew *after Beretta offered luxurious prizes* for men and a small cash sum for women. The winner will get the use of an Aston Martin for a week and an expensive Swiss watch. The second and third get a watch plus prize money while the ladies champion wins £100.

Lady Tryon goes home

Lady Tryon, right, who broke her back and fractured her skull in a fall from the third floor of a rehabilitation clinic a year ago, has been discharged from hospital. The 49-year-*old Australian-born friend* of the Prince of Wales, who gave her the nickname Kanga, has returned to the family home at Great Durnford, Wiltshire, from Salisbury District Hospital.

Cot death warning

Babies who sleep on used mattresses are more at risk from cot death, according to a four-year study by the Royal Hospital for Sick Children in Glasgow. The danger arises from dirt in old mattresses that might block holes for ventilation and drainage. Parents *of new babies are advised to* buy a *new mattress* or ensure the old one is covered *in* clean *plastic for* each baby. Earlier research has highlighted the risks of smoking and lying a baby on its stomach to sleep.

Big Ben runs out of time

The most famous clock in the world, in Big Ben, is to be stopped for at least two days for "major surgery and possible transplant". Engineers, who have been investigating *a problem relating* to bearings in the "main going train" — *a* key part of its mechanism — have decided that it will have to be stopped for a day while they examine the equipment causing the problem. A shaft might have to be removed, and it will take another day to reassemble.

Bark drug's cancer hope

The bark of an African shrub has produced a drug which may be able to starve cancer to death. Combretastatin, made from the bark of the African Bush Willow, above, kills tumours by cutting off their blood supply. In tests at Mount Vernon Hospital, Middlesex, *the drug* has shown remarkable results, the journal *Cancer Research* reports. With radiotherapy or chemotherapy the drug may prove a powerful addition to *the doctor's* armoury.

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Man wins second chance to prevent wife's abortion

By Shirley English

Lynne Kelly: thought to have been in hospital

A HUSBAND attempting to stop his estranged wife from having an abortion will continue his fight in the appeal court today after earlier fearing the termination might have already taken place.

James Kelly, 28, from Inverkeithing, Fife, succeeded yesterday in having a temporary ban on the operation reinstated 24 hours after it had been lifted, only to hear he might have been too late.

As he lodged his appeal yesterday the court was told by lawyers for his wife, Lynne, 21, a cabaret singer, that she might have taken advantage of the one-day delay in proceedings to abort the foetus. Anne Smith, QC, for Mrs Kelly, told the three appeal judges at the Second Division of the Court of Session in Edinburgh that as she spoke the operation might have already begun.

She told Lord Cullen, the Lord Justice Clerk, sitting with Lords Sutherland and Wylie: "I should advise the court that those instructing me learnt last night from her father that a termination operation was planned for this morning. That operation will either now have taken place or be in the course of taking place."

The judges decided to reimpose the court ban and a copy was faxed to Edinburgh Royal Infirmary, where the termination was thought to be taking place. It was confirmed later that Mrs Kelly had not ended the pregnancy.

The battle over the baby began last Thursday when Mr Kelly, a roofer, was granted an emergency interim interdict stopping his wife, who is three months pregnant, from having an abortion. The operation was due to proceed the following day. He is thought to be the first father in Britain to be granted the legal means to delay, even temporarily, an abortion taking place.

The couple had separated two weeks earlier after a short but stormy marriage in which each accused the other of violence and neglecting their 18-month-old daughter, Hazel. In seeking an abortion Mrs Kelly told doctors her husband was violent, something he denied.

On Wednesday, after a full hearing in private, the abortion ban was recalled by Lord Eassie at the Court of Session in Edinburgh. He upheld earlier decisions by English courts and ruled that a husband had no rights in law to interfere with the decision of his wife or her doctors.

Mr Kelly immediately instructed his solicitors to appeal and at the preliminary hearing yesterday the judgment was overruled and the temporary ban reimposed pending the full appeal today.

Brendan Gerard, for the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children, said he was relieved to hear the foetus was alive. He said the case highlighted the need for a tighter abortion law in which there had to be medical reasons for a termination.

Mr Kelly is seeking custody of his daughter and the unborn baby, who he insists he wants to bring up himself. He claims his wife gave false information to doctors about his violence and therefore their decision was based on incorrect information. Mrs Kelly strongly disputes that.

Professor Sheila McLean, director of medical law and ethics at the University of Glasgow, expressed surprise over the ban. "I will be interested to see on what grounds the husband's appeal has been based," she said. "I expect he will challenge the decision of the doctors, as clearly fathers have no rights in law to intervene."

Wendy Sheehan, Mr Kelly's solicitor, said: "He is not viewed as having parental rights over a child not yet born. The main legal question therefore is does he have the right to bring the action at all?"

TIM OCKENDEN

Andre Chadwick, Rosie Clayton, Sarah Jones and Juliette May: ran out of food as they waited for rescue from a disintegrating ice pack

Ice girls fly home after five-day Polar ordeal

By Tim Jones

FOUR women who endured five days marooned in atrocious weather on a disintegrating Arctic Ocean ice pack arrived back in Britain yesterday.

The four, part of the first all-female expedition to the North Pole, had eaten the last of their food and were enduring temperatures of -40C before a supply plane finally managed to reach them. Rosie Clayton, 37, the Queen Mother's great-niece, was in the party, which had managed to complete its 110-nautical-mile leg of the expedition before the weather closed in.

Sarah Jones, 28, Juliette May, 33, and Andre Chadwick, 32, made up the rest of the group for "Penguin Team Delta", one of five teams in the polar relay. They were greeted by family and friends at Heathrow airport, London. Mrs May was met by husband Fred, who has been minding their son Jack. He said: "I have had a two-year-old son to look after so I think we have been expending as many calories as they have."

Mrs Clayton said: "It is great to be back. It was beautiful out there but it was hard and tough and such an expedition is by nature frightening." She added: "We were never really worried about our safety because we had been well trained."

Mrs Clayton said she hoped the final group — Zoe Hudson, Lucy Roberts, Pam Oliver and Caroline Hamilton, the expedition leader — would become the first all-woman team to reach the Pole.

Cyclist is fined £700 for road rage punch

By Lin Jenkins

A CYCLIST flung down his machine in the path of traffic and punched a woman driver in a fit of "road rage" after she sounded her horn at him, a court was told yesterday.

Anthony Arden, 53, walked up to the open window of a car being driven by Carole Bunce, advertising director of *Vanity Fair*, and punched her on the right cheek. Her screams of shock alerted two police officers.

Bill Wheeldon, for the prosecution at Horseferry Road Magistrates' Court, central London, said the incident near Hyde Park Corner was the latest of a series of "road rage" cases to reach the court.

The incident had happened when Arden, a property developer, had "cut up" Ms Bunce's car on his bike at traffic lights last April. Ms Bunce hooted her horn and shouted "What are you doing?".

Arden, of Marylebone, pleaded guilty to common assault and was fined £700 and ordered to pay £250 compensation to his victim.

He said he had no idea why he had attacked Ms Bunce but added that he had been taking the anti-depressant drug Prozac.

Tarantula: hair-raising

Tarantulas bring tears to the eyes

By Ian Murray

STROKING a pet tarantula can ruin your eyesight. Researchers have discovered that the most popular non-poisonous varieties are covered in hairs that cause chronic eye inflammation, and it can last for years.

Tarantulas are "widely available and easily maintained," the researchers from Ninewells Hospital in Dundee write in the *British Medical Journal*. Unfortunately, the popular American varieties have evolved detachable hairs that cause stinging rashes.

Two patients who owned Chilean Rose tarantulas had inadvertently transferred the hairs to their eyes after handling the spiders. Despite treatment, their eyes remained inflamed and painful after six years.

Royal visit will make history on Internet

By Nick Nuttall

THE Queen will today become the first reigning monarch to appear live on the Internet. Images of her opening a factory in northeast England will be available on computers around the world.

The idea was developed by Siemens, the electronics company, whose £1.1 billion semiconductor plant on north Tyneside the Queen will be opening.

A spokesman for Buckingham Palace said yesterday that the Queen considered the Internet "an interesting development . . . and she has been kept informed".

The Queen's tour around the factory, which makes chips for computers and semiconductors, will be fed to Siemen's computer in London and from there relayed on the World Wide Web at five frames a second with sound.

James Gardiner, of Demon Internet, which is providing the service for Siemens, said: "The Queen will be able to see herself on the Net. She will visit a training area at the factory where there will be a computer showing the event."

The visit will be shown from about 12.15pm at *http://www.siemens.demon.net/*

Cambridge classicists fail grade for Latin epigram

By David Charter

THE decline of Classics was blamed yesterday for Cambridge University's decision to withhold an annual award, once won by Coleridge, for the composition of a Latin poem.

Dons had hoped for some lively submissions inspired by this year's chosen theme: Betty Boothroyd, the Speaker. But none of the handful of epigrams they received was deemed good enough to win the Sir William Browne Medal, first given in the 18th century.

Professor James Diggle, a judge and previous winner of the medal for his 1964 poem on unilateral nuclear disarmament, said: "If you look back to when I was an undergraduate a lot more people composed Greek and Latin verse. But with the gradual reduction in Greek and Latin taught in schools, they have to spend more of their time on basic language work here and do not get to the standards of the past."

Four medals are usually awarded every year, two for epigrams, one Latin and one Greek, and two for longer odes, again one Latin and one Greek. Although there are 250 classics students at Cambridge, all three went to one student, Matthew McCullagh of Trinity College.

Professor Diggle said the study of Classics at Cambridge had changed in recent years to focus more on cultural and historical areas. "To get three out of four medals is really quite good going. We just don't get people prepared to spend that amount of time writing these things."

Miss Boothroyd commented: "I'm disappointed that I failed to provide inspiration for the undergraduates of Cambridge, but I wonder if it may have had something to do with the second-class political status of women in ancient Greece."

An epigram is a pithy poem, usually of four lines, which conveys an amusing point and has an ingenious turn at the end. The Cambridge judges were looking for one which obeyed strict rules of metre, with non-rhyming couplets in alternating hexameter and pentameter.

The Times today tries its hand where Cambridge's finest scholars failed. Our columnist Philip Howard was inspired by the thought of Betty Boothroyd to compose the following epigram:

Copia verborum et vis et mala fama Senatum
Conturbant? Superest Curia paene, clamas,
Flagitiumne Patrum Conscriptorumque tumultum?
Desine Praefectum quaerere. Quaere Deam!

Which in translation means: Is the House of Commons in an uproar with excess verbosity and shouting and unparliamentary language? Are you crying at the box that Parliament cannot survive the sleaze and bad behaviour of its MPs? Stop looking for a male Speaker. Send for Betty.

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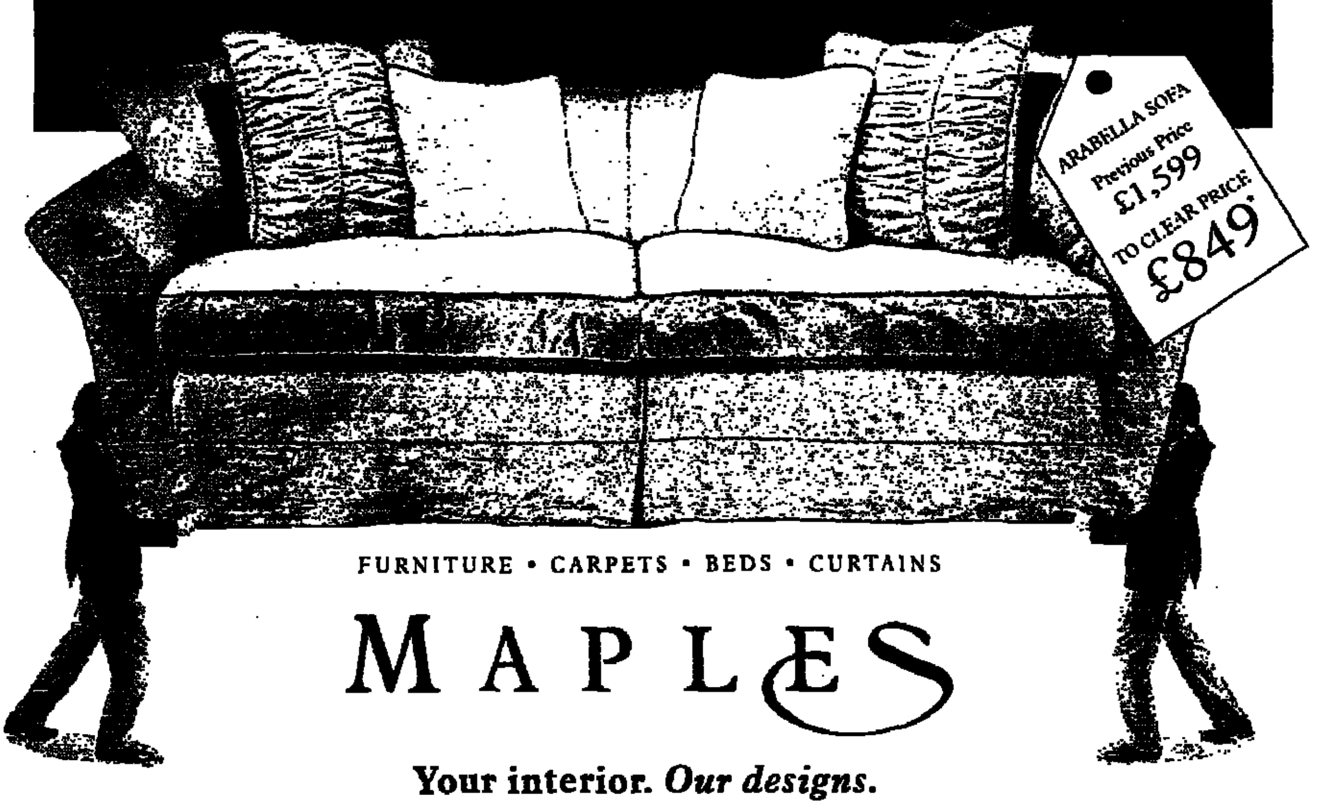

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Pope hails Augustine as Apostle of English

By Ruth Gledhill

THE Pope has marked the 1,400th anniversary celebrations of the arrival of St Augustine in Britain with a letter to Cardinal Basil Hume, Archbishop of Westminster, in which he prays for unity "without seam or tear".

The letter comes as the Christian community prepares for the focal point of the celebrations, a service for pilgrims from all the churches at Canterbury Cathedral on Monday, at which the Prince of Wales will be present and when the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr George Carey, will preach. On Tuesday, Benedictine monks from Anglican and Roman Catholic monasteries throughout Britain will sing Latin vespers at Canterbury, when Cardinal Hume will preach.

The Pope makes clear the importance he is attaching to the celebrations. He describes Augustine as "the Apostle of the English" and says his mission consolidated Christianity in Britain, giving it strong links with Rome.

David Gamble: "We have no reason to believe the problem is worse than elsewhere"

Church workers 'betrayed the trust placed in them'

In an unprecedented move, Methodist leaders have acknowledged that women have been abused by clergy or lay workers, Ruth Gledhill reports

THE Methodist Church is the first mainstream denomination to address the issue of sexual harassment of adults by clergy or lay workers.

A working party was set up on the recommendation of the Methodist Church's executive in 1995 because it was felt disciplinary procedures were not working effectively. The working party, convened by the Rev David Gamble, received 28 written submissions and 11 oral accounts of harassment. Identities of the victims have been closely guarded.

Mr Gamble, family and personal relationships secretary, said: "We were aware of the issue and felt it was appropriate to find out what the situation is and come up with an effective response. But we have absolutely no reason to believe the problem is worse than anywhere else.

"We are simply trying to be at the front of the field in terms of good practice. The Church sets itself up to be a safe place and that means we have a duty to make sure that it is so."

The report says that in rare cases reporting an abuse resulted in an immediate and positive response but in many others excuses were given. In one case a counsellor refused to act because he was about to go on holiday. Another was advised: "Say nothing because no-one will believe you and the church people will close ranks against you because the church's reputation is more important than the individual."

A woman who has been harassed for 20 years by a leading figure in the Church is still suffering harassment but refuses to take formal action because of her concerns for the man's family. Another says: "Who would believe my word, an unknown, young, single laywoman against a well thought of, middle-aged married minister?"

Many cases grew out of a relationship where the man was in a position of authority, such as a pastoral or counselling relationship. In three cases the woman was below or had just reached the age of consent. In one case a full sexual relationship began as soon as the woman reached 16.

Other cases arose where women entering the ministry became close to male colleagues and were subjected to unwanted attentions. One male minister told a woman: "If you want to be one of us you will just have to put up with us."

One woman told of what happened after she was accepted for training for the ministry. "Soon after I told my minister of my call to the ministry he came to my house telling me he wanted my help," she said.

"There were things he could not share easily with his wife as she was not interested in them or him. He would like me, he said, to be his confidante. Frankly, I was flattered. I was young and, I guess, gullible, and it seemed a great honour."

He began to visit her, greeting her with a hug and a peck on the cheek. "I accepted this as a sign of trust and friendship," she said.

But one day he tried to fondle her bottom as she was making coffee. She tried to put it out of her mind. Some time later he drove her to the district synod and on the way home suggested they stopped for a drink. They had a couple of glasses and at her home he followed her in and tried to kiss her. She was too embarrassed to confront him and assumed he would accuse her of leading him on. It never occurred to her to complain.

In the Church of England, the Oxford diocese has published guidelines for clergy on how to avoid being compromised in situations of pastoral care. In the Roman Catholic Church of England and Wales, pastoral and procedural guidelines were published in 1994 on how to deal with allegations of child abuse against clergy, starting from the premise that the allegations were true.

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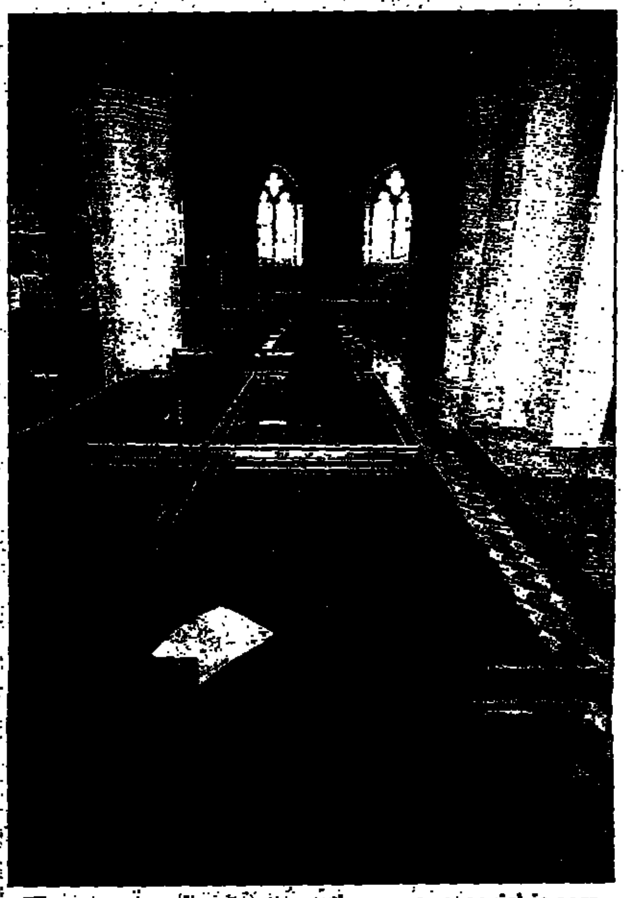

The pews causing consternation among parishioners

Cranmer church falling between chairs and pews

By A Staff Reporter

REVOLUTIONARY thinking worthy of Thomas Cranmer, a former rector, is sweeping through an 800-year-old church in Hereford and Worcester. And not all the congregation is being swept along with it.

St Giles Church at Bredon, where Cranmer, the first Protestant Archbishop of Canterbury, took up his first humble post, is considering ripping out 19th century oak pews and replacing them with more comfortable chairs.

Cranmer, who went on to compile the First Prayer Book and was responsible for declaring four of Henry VIII's marriages invalid, fell out of favour in the reign of Mary I and was burnt as a heretic. The reaction in Bredon to the possible fate of the pews may not be quite as harsh, but parishioners cannot disguise their disgust.

Ruth Hall, chairman of the Friends of St Giles, said: "I am not in favour of this suggestion at all. The pews are pretty special and I certainly don't approve of replacing them with chairs."

The problem arose when it became evident that a 30-seat section of pews would have to be removed to replace their rotting plinths. A parochial church council sub-committee was set up to look into the possibility of taking out the rest of the pews, which can seat up to 230 people, and replacing them with chairs.

Sylvia Dyer, a former churchwarden who spoke out against the plan at a village meeting two weeks ago, said yesterday that 115 people had telephoned with their support. Miss Dyer, 72, who has worshipped at St Giles for more than 50 years, said: "Only 15 have phoned to say they think the chairs would be a good idea. I don't think the church should be throwing out perfectly good pews. They date back to at least 1827 and the ends are carved with very decorative patterns."

However, Derrick Grainger, the church organist and chairman of Bredon Parish Council, said: "Over the years, the church has evolved its style to suit the period and maybe it's time for this to happen again."

Canon John Ridout, the vicar, said a number of parishioners had approached him with the suggestion: "All churches change interiors to accommodate the congregation as the years pass."

He added: "The matter is being discussed by the parochial church council but I think the way we reach our decision will be more important than the decision itself."

Canon John Ridout, vicar of St Giles Church in Bredon, where Thomas Cranmer served as rector

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Island romance that ended in a death sentence

Daniel McGrory reports from Larnaca on the British divorcée and mother of two accusing a Cypriot fisherman of infecting her with Aids

FOR the briefest of moments, as Janette Pink began her testimony in a Cyprus courtroom yesterday, she stole a sidelong glance at the man she once loved, who sat barely ten yards away. As he fidgeted with his green T-shirt, advertising one of his favourite drinking haunts on the island, she narrowed her eyes and quickly looked away.

Pavlos Georgiou, 40, had been brought on a judge's orders from an Aids hospital ward a mile away, where he had admitted himself hours before standing trial in Larnaca accused of infecting his British lover with Aids.

For the next two hours, as the divorced mother of two recounted how their affair had begun in 1994, she avoided looking across at the dock where at times Mr Georgiou was barely visible as he slouched low in his chair, staring constantly at the floor.

Her black and white print dress hung limply from her emaciated body as she described in detail how their friendship, which begun after she moved to the holiday island after her divorce in 1993, turned from a love affair to a death sentence.

Never once did she lose her composure as she admitted her naivety at having unprotected sex with Mr Georgiou and how, after being diagnosed as HIV, she became pregnant by him and had an abortion. Asked by Maria Malachatou, the chief prosecutor, why she had not used a condom, she said: "We were not two youngsters having lots of affairs. It never occured to us. We had both been in marriages with children for 20 years, so it did not enter into my head."

Friends on the island told her of a newspaper article which suggested Mr Georgiou's wife, Martha, was dying of Aids. "He said it was lies because people were jealous of him." He showed her a life insurance policy that he had just taken out as proof he did not have Aids.

Mrs Pink was persuaded by friends to have an Aids test in March 1994, which proved negative. Later that summer Mr Georgiou's 34-year-old wife died in London. A test in Nicosia in October 1994 proved she was infected.

"I told Pavlos, 'I know Martha died of Aids; I know you are HIV and I know you have infected me'. I asked him why he did not tell me. He did not have an answer. He did not apologise."

She explained why she decided to stay with him in the resort of Ayia Napa rather than return home to her parents in Basildon, Essex. "It made sense if we were both infected to stay together. I loved him."

In January 1996 she discovered she was pregnant. By now she knew that Mr Georgiou's youngest son, Rafael, now four, was born with the virus. She decided to have a termination, fearful her child would be infected or that she was unlikely to live long enough to care for it.

She was caring for Mr Georgiou's four children but grew too weak from the illness to cook and clean for him. She described being frightened of his violent temper and his assaults on his children, and moved back to her apartment. As her weight dropped to less than five stones she returned to Britain and began her campaign to prosecute Mr Georgiou. "The knowledge of what Pavlos had actually done to me sunk in and I felt something should be done about it."

The case continues.

STEFAN ROUSSEAU

Diana with Jemima Khan and her son Sulaiman. The princess is helping raise £17 million for cancer treatment

Diana flies to Pakistan to aid Khan hospital

DIANA, Princess of Wales, arrived in Pakistan yesterday to help raise money for her friend Imran Khan's cancer hospital for the poor.

The Princess stayed cool in the 104 degree heat with traditional outfits. She stepped from billionaire financier Sir James Goldsmith's private Boeing 757 in a powder-blue shalwar kameez, then changed to turquoise and kingfisher blue. The Princess arrived at Lahore with former Pakistan cricket captain Imran's British-born wife Jemima — Sir James's daughter — and the Khans' six-month-old son Sulaiman. After changing, Diana was driven with Jemima to Imran's cancer hospital for the main business of the day: a fundraising lunch of lamb and chicken at £750 a head - with 60 of Lahore's richest VIPs. Imran has enlisted the Princess's help to launch a new £17 million endowment appeal to secure long-term finance for the free hospital for the poor.

Teacher disciplined for prom night kiss

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A MARRIED French teacher has been disciplined after allegedly accepting a kiss from a sixth-form boy at a school prom a year ago.

Jane Wardman, head of languages at Prince Henry's Grammar School in Otley, west Yorkshire, will, however, be allowed to return to her post at the comprehensive school after appearing before the governing body's disciplinary sub-committee.

Mrs Wardman has been on sick leave for nearly 12 months after the party at the Craiglands Hotel in Ilkley. Students at the sixth-form leaving prom said a male sixth-former who seemed the worse the wear for drink gave her a peck on the cheek.

A former pupil who was at the party said: "I didn't see what happened, but we later found out that one of the lads, who was drunk, had kissed Mrs Wardman on the cheek. I think the whole thing has been blown out of all proportion." The student involved has not been named.

The school governors issued a short statement which read: "A hearing has taken place before a panel of the school's governing body to consider Mrs Wardman's professional conduct and her health.

"Details of the hearing are confidential between the panel and Mrs Wardman but the outcome of the hearing is that Mrs Wardman will resume her duties as soon as possible. The governing body have no further comment to make."

Michael Franklin, the school's head teacher, said: "In view of the fact that the governing body's disciplinary sub-committee has met and made a decision, it would be inappropriate for me to say anything else."

He went on: "Mrs Wardman has been on sick leave and continues to be on sick leave. I am not in a position to comment upon any other aspects of the matter."

CORRECTION

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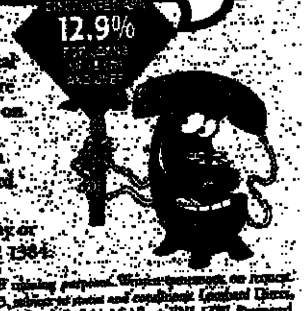

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Schoolboy dies of heart attack after taking GCSE exam

By Michael Horsnell

A SCHOOLBOY died from a heart attack 20 minutes after finishing a GCSE history examination, it was disclosed yesterday. Thomas Hemming, 16, had had successful surgery for a heart condition as a baby.

He had ridden his new moped through the gates at Wymondham High School in Wymondham, Norfolk, on Tuesday when he lost control and crashed into a wall. Paramedics were unable to revive him and police at first treated his death as a road accident. But a post-mortem showed he had suffered no serious injuries and had died of a heart attack.

The teenager, who was sitting nine GCSEs, started his exams on Monday with geography. He died after sitting his second exam, the 90-minute history paper.

Roselies Hemming, his grandmother, said yesterday that Thomas had waved goodbye to friends before setting off to ride the six miles home to Colton, near Norwich, where he lived with his parents, Martin and Judith, both 40, and sister Laura, 14.

She added: "His friend told me he saw him riding up the road perfectly well and not fooling around in any way. He certainly was not racing. Then he lost control and hit a wall. He tried to stand up, but collapsed. A lot of children saw what happened and were very distressed.

"The stress of the exam might have contributed, but Thomas was very confident and did not seem worried about his GCSEs. He had worked hard and expected to do quite well. He was a happy-go-lucky youngster who did not suffer from anxiety. He certainly did not work himself to death."

Thomas was born with the two main arteries to his heart transposed and had open-heart surgery at Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children in London when he was nine months old. Doctors were confident he should lead a normal life. A slightly irregular heartbeat was detected at a check-up last August and he was placed on a monitor for a day. However, doctors said there was no cause for concern.

Mr Hemming said: "He was as fit as a fiddle after he had his heart operation as a baby. He was the life and soul of any party and was a very popular lad with loads of friends. He was very easy-going and never showed he was under any stress. He was a bright lad and had done some work for his exams but he never worried about them. I just think that he could have died at any time."

A trial of a new cholesterol-lowering drug in heart disease patients has been halted because so many lives were being saved it would have been unethical to continue giving dummy pills to other patients in the study. It involved more than 9,000 men and women, aged 31-75, in Australia and New Zealand who had previously had a heart attack or who had had hospital treatment for unstable angina. Exact figures of lives saved in the trial of pravastatin will be known later this year.

Thomas Hemming, who was described by his father as fit as a fiddle and the life and soul of any party

Tension and excitement can affect the vulnerable

MEDICAL BRIEFING

Dr Thomas Stuttaford

Thomas Hemming had open-heart surgery in infancy to correct a congenital heart condition known as transposition of the great vessels.

The basic problem is that the aorta rises directly from the right ventricle and the pulmonary artery from the left; in the normal person, the reverse applies. As a result of the abnormality, unoxygenated blood is directed around the body and the tissues are starved of oxygen, the majority of the oxygenated blood going back to the lungs. Sufferers become so dangerously breathless that they are perpetually cyanosed (blue). Normal development is impossible because all the tissues are deprived of the essential oxygen.

Open-heart surgery now gives these children the opportunity to live normal lives, although the final degree of success of the operation depends on how many, if any, other congenital abnormalities associated with the transposition are present. The site of the trouble, near the conducting pathways of the heart, is one reason why children who have had transposition of the great vessels may later, even if they have had successful surgery, suffer irregularities of the rhythm of the heart, and even heart block. Complete heart block can cause dizziness, fainting or acute heart failure. Any of these symptoms could result in an accident. The answer in Thomas's case may never be fully revealed, but careful examination of the heart may give some clues as to what happened. It is perhaps noteworthy that Thomas was found to have a cardiac arrhythmia when examined in hospital last year, although 24-hour monitoring failed to demonstrate any serious cause for the arrhythmia.

It could be that the heart attack was precipitated by the history exam. Excitement, or any emotional tension, frequently triggers an irregular action of the heart in a vulnerable patient. However, parents can be confident that, although taking examinations is stressful, they will not cause heart attacks in children without underlying disease.

Thanks to modern surgery, Thomas Hemming survived a condition that previously killed the majority of babies born with it. The few survivors from childhood used to die as teenagers, having had an invalid life. Now the majority of patients are able to live normal lives, play games, as Thomas did, and take part in all other activities. It is possible that Thomas was one of the unlucky few who later develop potentially fatal cardiac arrhythmia.

Satellite dish puts the lid on soggy microwave pies

WEEKEND SHOPPING

THE Iceland frozen food chain has used satellite technology to produce a pie that emerges from the microwave oven with crisp pastry.

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Morrisons: frying steak £1.89 a lb, brisket £1.39 a lb, breaded haddock £1.59 for 400g, cherry tomatoes 99p for 400g, cantaloup melon 99p each.

Safeway: smoked Scottish salmon £5.99 for 450g, chicken madras, korma, passanda or tikka masala £2.99 for 340g with free pilau rice, Jersey Royal new potatoes 29p a lb, cherries £1.99 a lb.

Sainsbury's: chicken fillets £4.25 for four (510g), fresh salmon steaks £7.95 a kg, breaded cod £2.49 for six portions (600g), large eggs £1.99 for 20.

Somerfield: pork boneless spare rib steaks £2.68 a kg, tomatoes 74p for 750g, mixed peppers 99p a lb, red potatoes 99p for 2.5kg, mango 69p.

Tesco: lamb loin chops £9.59 a kg, tuna loin £4.95 a lb, whole prawns 59p a ¼ lb, cauliflower 55p each, closed-cup mushrooms 99p a lb.

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Food and drinks firms accused over sugar-free claims

By Glen Owen

ALMOST half the claims for sugar-free food and drink are false and their labels often "irrelevant, irresponsible, illegal or illegible", a conference was told yesterday.

Analysis of more than 1,400 products by Action and Information on Sugars — a voluntary group of health professionals — found that misleading information about sugar levels was common on supermarket shelves.

Jack Winkler, the group's chairman, said: "According to the last national survey of eating habits, people need to cut their intake of sugars by 30 per cent, but manufacturers are making it hard for them by disguising sugar levels."

He told the group's conference in London: "Many labels are irrelevant, irresponsible, illegal or illegible." Labelling practice was like a pair of fishnet tights: "It gives the appearance of full coverage but is actually full of holes."

He said that the group had found more than 80 products that broke the law by claiming low sugar levels without specifying them, including 7Up from Britvic, Oasis from Coca-Cola Schweppes and Del Monte's canned fruits.

The report discovered 280 other products with legal but misleading claims, such as "no added sugar" on goods containing high levels of sugary concentrates. The authors of the report picked out Ribena soft drinks, Waitrose jams, baby products such as Liga rusks and St Ivel fromage frais as particular offenders.

One of 80 products said to break label laws

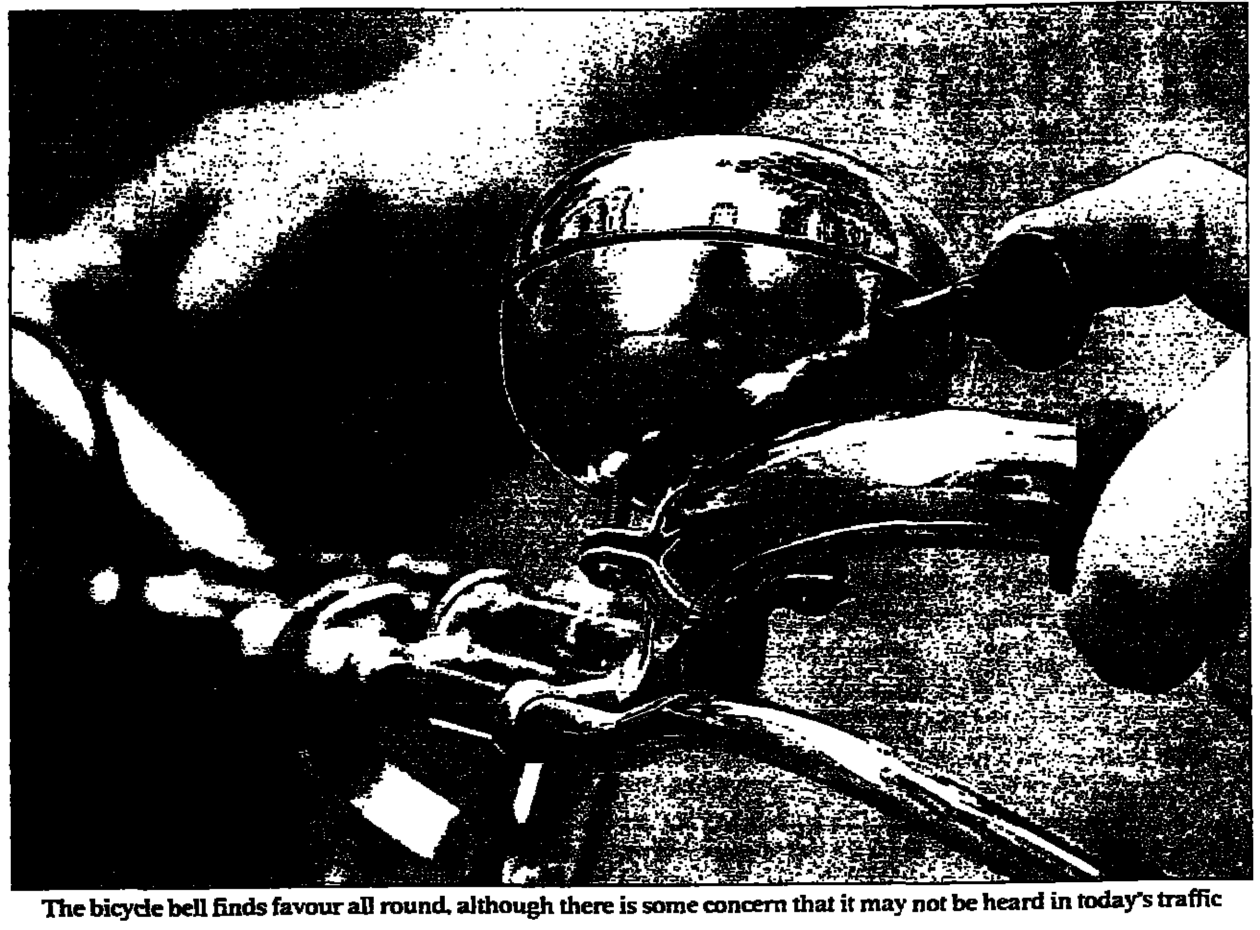
The group's researchers say the levels of sugar lurking under the labels varied widely. The "sugar-free" declaration on Wrigley's Orbit Gum was accurate but the same claim on Safeway's Instant Custard Mix disguised 26 grams of sugar. "No added sugar" on Asda's Swiss Style Muesli meant 1.3 grams of sugar and on Safeway's Wholewheat cereal it represented 28 grams.

Dr Winkler said that he was also concerned about the growth of "high energy" drinks, supposedly linked to increased sporting performance, which he said were simply drinks with a lot of sugar in them. "Unsubstantiated claims exploit the aspirations of young consumers."

He said that the group would be lobbying the Ministry of Agriculture and the nascent Food Standards Agency for a legal definition of sugar and financial penalties for transgressors.

Britvic and Coca-Cola Schweppes referred queries on their sugar claims to the British Soft Drinks Association. An association spokeswoman said: "All ingredients on our products are strictly regulated by the Government and must be clearly detailed on the ingredients panel. Whenever a new product is launched, the drinks companies consult closely with trading standards officers to make sure that the labels meet legislative requirements."

☐ Quaker Oats called for a change in the law to let it claim on packets that porridge helps to prevent heart disease. It complained at a Royal Society of Medicine seminar on food labelling that it was restricted to saying oats could reduce blood cholesterol. Consumers needed to know that lower blood cholesterol was good for the heart.



GILL ALLEN

The bicycle bell finds favour all round, although there is some concern that it may not be heard in today's traffic

Bicycle bell plan has ring of success

By Damian Whitworth

PEDESTRIANS and cyclists yesterday welcomed the Government's announcement that it was urgently considering making bells a compulsory fitment on bicycles.

Baroness Hayman, the Roads Minister, said she was aware that there was widespread support for the mandatory fitment of bells and was "looking at the issue as a matter of priority". It is understood it would not be illegal to ride a bicycle without a bell, but that machines would have to be sold with a bell fitted.

"We have been encouraging that it should be a requirement that bells should be on bikes at the point of sale," said Chris Juden, technical officer of the Cyclists' Touring Club. "Often bikes come with a bell and the shops don't bother fitting them. Once they are on few people would take them off. But we don't regard bells as a big safety issue. I don't think a pedestrian has ever been saved by a bell. They are more useful for making journeys quicker for cyclists."

However, the Pedestrians' Association said bells would be very welcome and especially useful for the blind.

Mr Juden added that the touring club would also like lights made compulsory on new bikes. At present only reflectors must be fitted by manufacturers, although it is illegal to ride at night without lights. Flashing lights are also illegal and can incur a fine, although this might change.

The Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents said it tentatively welcomed the move, "but we would like to see some research done into what is the best form of warning signal in today's traffic noise." Many cyclists favour a blast on a whistle.

A spokesman for the Department of Transport said: "We have the best road safety record in the world so we must be doing something right."

NEWS IN BRIEF

BA aircraft in near-miss on runway

A British Airways 747 avoided a collision by seconds after air-traffic controllers shouted a warning that a plane had strayed into its path. Six tyres burst as the crew brought it to a halt 1,000ft from the other plane at Chicago airport. The London-bound passengers were unhurt because they were strapped in for take-off.

BBC apologises

The BBC made a public apology in the High Court to the Outward Bound Trust over allegations on Radio 4 that the educational charity had employed paedophiles and child abusers.

Rafting death

A student died after his white-water raft capsized at the National Water Sports Centre at Holme Pierrepont, near Nottingham. The 31-year-old, from Norwich, was rafting on the slalom course.

Chainstore fined

Laura Ashley was fined £3,500 by magistrates yesterday after admitting nine charges of placing misleading prices on products in its stores in Kings Lynn and Norwich, Norfolk.

£13,800 teddy

A teddy bear rescued from a house clearance in Newcastle upon Tyne in 1923 was sold for £13,800 by Christie's in London. The rare black bear, made by Steiff, went to a collector in Florida.

Bus passenger loses fare fight

By Paul Wilkinson

A *PROFESSOR* who attempted to sue his local bus company for the price of a taxi ride he was forced to take because its bus failed to turn up lost his case yesterday.

Dr Robert Stanton, 77, who helped to pioneer the development of the meat substitute Quorn, sued the West Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive for his £2.80 fare home last March.

The Professor of Botany, who lectured at the University of Malaya for eight years, said he had been left stranded by the mini-bus service introduced between Haworth and his home village of Stanbury while a road was closed due to strengthening work on a bridge. The transport executive said it was not responsible for Calder Coaches, which ran the link. At a hearing held *in private at Leeds County* Court the judge found in favour of the executive after hearing that Dr Stanton had been away on holiday at the time it advertised the alternative bus times for the route.

Speaking outside the court, Dr Stanton said: "I have lost because the bus company has no statutory duty to the customer. I am convinced the bus traveller is seen as a second-class citizen in this country. I tried to point out to them today that Switzerland and Singapore both have excellent bus systems and it was about time Britain caught up."

Dr Stanton, who is also an expert in agriculture, horticulture and microbiogenetics, added: "They have not won the moral argument. I hope someone younger will bring a similar claim."

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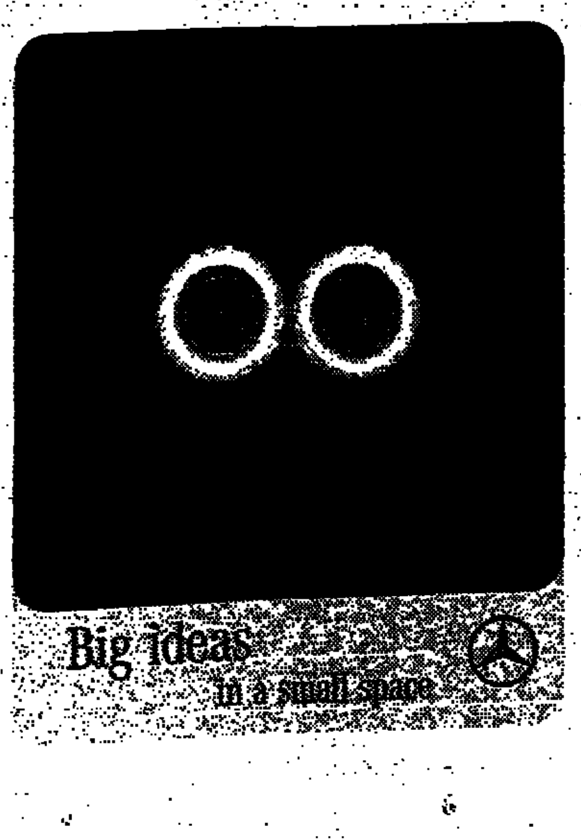

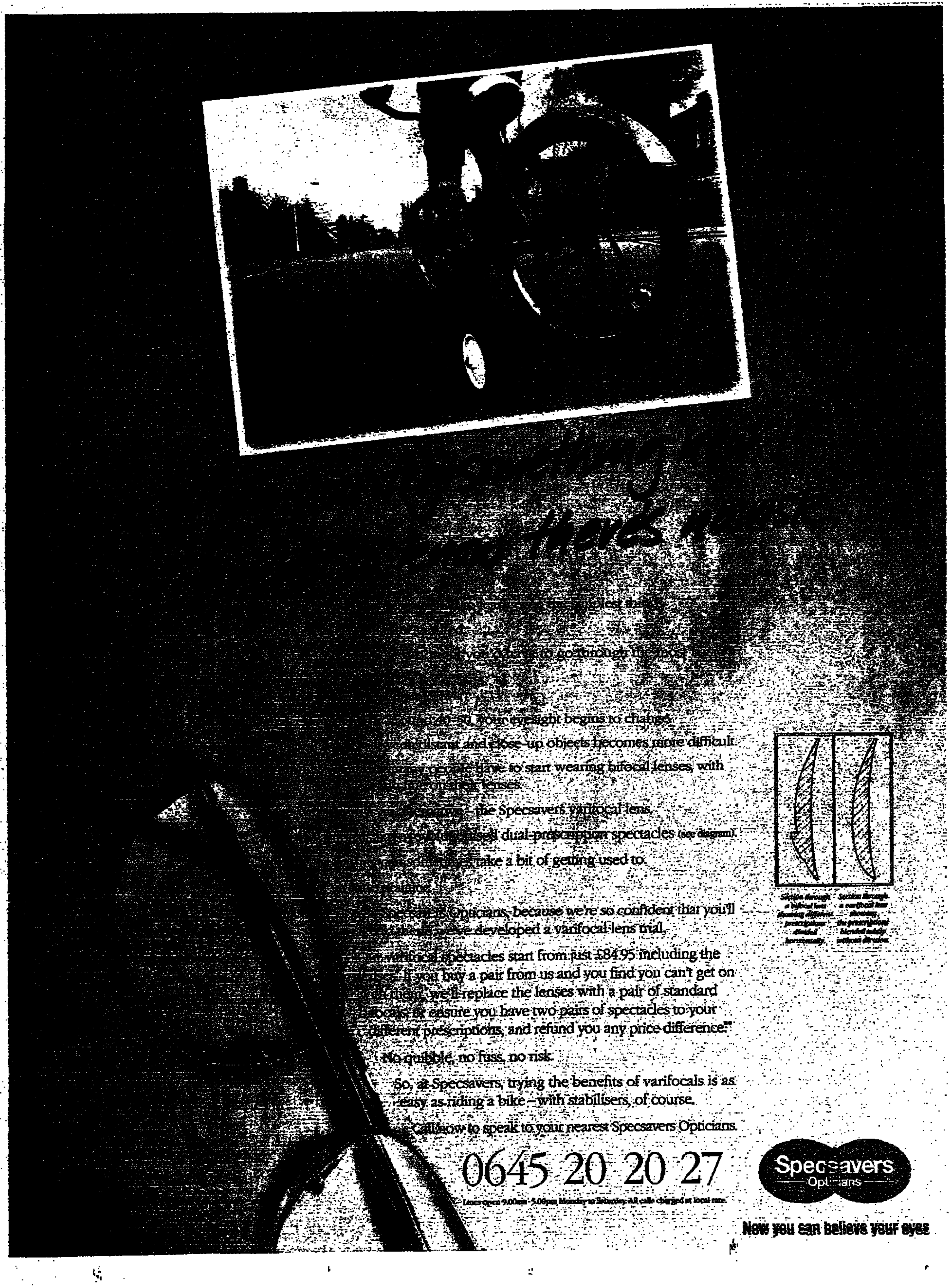

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Dobson diverts £100m from managers to bolster NHS care

By Ian Murray, medical correspondent

FRANK DOBSON pledged immediate action yesterday to cut £100 million from NHS bureaucracy and spend it on breast cancer treatment and reducing waiting lists, after pronouncing himself "aghast" at the crisis facing the service.

The Health Secretary said the number on waiting lists was 100,000 higher than a year ago, that there was a shortage of nurses and doctors in some specialties and that a quarter of trusts and a third of health authorities were in deficit at the end of the financial year.

"Our inheritance is very poor," he said. "The figures show an increase in waiting times since the last quarter's figures, which were themselves a record high.

"We knew things were pretty bad. But I can only say the more we discover the more we realise that we were not exaggerating."

He has deferred agreement for 1,000 GPs to become fundholders, saving £20 million. To save another £80 million, he has instructed the eight regional offices of the NHS executive and authorities in Wales and Scotland to agree budget reductions by the end of next month.

"I have also announced a programme of measures to stem the seemingly endless flow of invoices for just about every clinical procedure you can think of," he said. "It may be that some staff will lose their jobs but it is also likely that it will be done, at least in part, from jobs not being filled."

The £100 million represents just over a day's spending on the NHS. Mr Dobson is asking the NHS executive to examine scope for further reductions in bureaucracy next year and in the future.

He condemned fundholding for creating a two-tier system. However, there might be some elements of it which were useful and there would be pilot studies to find out what the best system would be in future. "The last thing we want is another reorganisation followed by another reorganisation to put right the things which were wrong with the previous reorganisation."

Baroness Jay of Paddington, the minister in charge of the breast cancer programme, said £10 million would be used to cut delays between referrals and appointments. A new system could be in place within a month.

"We want to speed up the process of a doctor identifying a possible lump and then having it seen and screened by the experts at a local level. Hospital statistics show that half of the cancer patients waited more than two weeks for admission."

She said that work on reducing waiting times for other treatment could not go ahead quickly because of the continuing deterioration in hospital lists. "There is no magic wand to put this right. We will tackle the stop-go cycle of health authorities curtailing non-emergency admissions towards the end of the financial year, pushing up waiting lists, and the sheer unfairness of some patients waiting longer than others simply because their GP fundholder has money in the kitty."

The British Medical Association, which wants an extra £1 billion a year spent on the NHS for the next five years, gave the plans a cautious welcome. Sandy Macara, the BMA chairman, said it would be unwise to expect major savings and added that the new Ministry for Public Health would "be fatally undermined if public health doctors become the victims of a wrongly directed drive against management spending.

"The scale of the problem cannot be addressed adequately simply by rerouting funds at the margin," he said.

The NHS Confederation, which represents all trusts, said it was in favour of reducing bureaucracy, "but it must not be at the expense of high quality managers in a £40 billion-a-year service".

Stephen Dorrell, the last Conservative Health Secretary, defended the Tories' record on waiting lists. "The trend has actually been downwards for long waits," he said.

He said that the health service had to change all the time and, while that process had been under way over the past few years, it was essential that it continued: "The omens for that are not very good as the Government has put a further moratorium on change in the London hospitals until it comes up with a policy."

Simon Hughes, the Liberal Democrat health spokesman, said that urgent action was needed because the figures showed there had been a sixfold increase in waiting lists in the past year.

"Extra cash is needed if the NHS is to continue a comprehensive service," he said. "Labour are clutching at fig leaves to disguise their bleak spending plans. They have gone silent on their pledge to take 100,000 off waiting lists. Things are set to get worse."

Dobson: "aghast" at scale of the problems

HOW HEALTH SERVICE SHAPES UP

- *The total number of patients waiting to be admitted to NHS hospitals in England at the end of March rose by* 59,400 (5.4 per cent) from the previous quarter to 1,164,000
- The number of patients waiting more than one year rose by 9,200 to 31,000 over the quarter
- There are now 155 patients waiting for longer than the 18-month maximum period in the Patient's Charter
- Hospital bed numbers have fallen from 540,000 in 1961 to 300,000 in 1993 — although advances in medical science and technology mean the NHS does not require so many beds for patients for long periods
- Nurse numbers have fallen from 405,000 in 1989 to 350,000 in 1994. An NHS spokesman said the training of nurses had altered drastically since 1990 and, under a system called Project 2000, trainee nurses spend longer in the classroom and less time on the wards
- Numbers of senior managers are up from 4,600 in 1989 to 23,000 in 1994
- The number of GPs in England rose by 9 per cent between 1986 and 1996 (26,259 to 28,937) while women GPs increased from 22 per cent to 32 per cent
- Half of all trainees are now female; the number of trainees fell by 21 per cent over the decade

ANDRE CAMARA

Nurse Laura Hocken yesterday: "I have been called every expletive possible"

Fear and violence: my typical night in casualty

By Kathryn Knight

A NURSE gave a graphic account of life on a casualty ward to a conference on hospital violence yesterday, saying she felt constantly threatened and in fear of attack.

Staff Nurse Laura Hocken, 28, said her worst fears were realised during an exhausting shift on New Year's Eve last year at the accident and emergency department of Royal Sussex County Hospital in Brighton.

"I came on duty at 9.15pm to an already chaotic department, with trolleys in corridors, ambulances arriving one after the other and patients and relatives demanding to know how long they would have to wait.

"By midnight the waiting area was standing room only and looked like a nightclub at closing time. There were people prostrate on chairs, dripping blood, shouting, arguing and vomiting. The nurse on reception was being subjected to a constant barrage of abuse.

"By 2.30am she was in tears and saying she couldn't take any more. She had been treating a man with lacerations and had had to apply a dressing, causing him some pain. This led him to scream disgusting and highly personal remarks.

"At this point the man fainted and his mother-in-law went mad. She started shouting for witnesses and was screaming that all the nurses did was chat and drink tea. She triggered mayhem. Everyone was shouting and screaming. I expected a riot at any minute.

"I went to help the man but as I bent over him he started screaming again. His mother-in-law came over, grabbed hold of my wrist and threatened to kill me if I didn't leave him alone.

"Then around 5am a 30-year-old man was brought in. He was extremely drunk and we put him into a cubicle to be examined. Within minutes he was out and shouting and then ran back in and was stood on the bed rattling the sides.

"I was worried he was going to lose his balance, so tried to calm him by putting my hand on his back. He turned his head and stared at me and then threw himself at me.

"I fell crashing back onto the floor and he fell on top of me. I picked myself up and he tried to punch me in the face, instead hitting another nurse across the back of the head. The police came and arrested him for being drunk and disorderly but when I tried to make a complaint the policewoman told me it wasn't worth the paper it was written on.

"I drove home the 15 miles that morning and cried all the way. I just had soft tissue injuries and bruising but it could have been a lot worse.

"Since then I have been threatened on two occasions with physical violence. I've been called every obscenity and expletive possible. We are just trying to do our job, helping people, but we are a vulnerable target."

The conference, organised by the Royal College of Nursing, was told that recorded incidents of violence against nursing staff had tripled in the past four years and three-quarters of the victims now felt afraid at work.

Mark Jenkins, registrar at the Royal Victoria Hospital in Belfast, who organised a national survey, said doctors, consultants and nurses had called for increased security in hospitals and more co-operation from police, who often chose to ignore incidents in casualty.

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An outburst by the President after an overdose death has prompted soul-searching among style gurus

Britain's fashion elite rejects blame for 'heroin chic'

BY GRACE BRADBERRY, STYLE EDITOR

THE gurus of British fashion responded yesterday to an attack by President Clinton on "heroin chic" by saying that shots of hollow-eyed, wasted young models had had their day. They also denied promoting drug culture.

The President had accused the American fashion industry of glorifying drug addiction by using such images in major advertising campaigns. The "heroin chic" look originated in British magazines such as *i-D* and *The Face* in the early Nineties.

The President's speech was prompted by the death from a drug overdose of Davide Sorrenti, a 20-year-old fashion photographer, who specialised in pictures of emaciated models slumped in bathrooms. Sorrenti's mother, Francesca, herself a well-known photographer, last month sent an open letter to magazine editors and advertisers in America and Europe saying: "Heroin chic isn't what we are projecting, it's what we are. Our business has become heroin chic."

Critics in America point to the high-profile advertising campaigns of Calvin Klein, which feature pale, androgynous models.

But Mrs Sorrenti pointed the finger at London for promoting the look. "I think London has a much bigger problem with heroin than New York," she recently told *The Sunday Times*. "And I think all this 'London is hip' thing has made that scene very influential."

But British fashion editors and photographers deny that they ever produce photographs that could be construed as "heroin chic". They acknowledge that a realistic style dominated magazines at the start of the Nineties but insist it had nothing to do with drugs.

Yesterday Edward Enninful, the fashion editor of *i-D*, said: "The funny thing for me is that this whole thing happened in the early Nineties — people here are going back to beauty."

Jefferson Hack, the editor of *Dazed and Confused*, agreed: "Once President Clinton has picked up on it you can be sure fashion has moved on from that.

"I think his reaction was against American magazines. British fashion photographers were dealing with real people and real situations but it had nothing to do with heroin."

British photographers such as Corinne Day pioneered the bare-faced waif look at the start of the Nineties. Their work inspired photographers and advertising directors worldwide.

Through a spokeswoman, Day said: "My photography is a pure image of a model, usually a friend of mine, photographed without make-up or lighting, sometimes whilst blinking," she said. "If these images are interpreted in any other way I only hope it will bring the issue of drugs to the surface."

The suggestion of drug-taking became more graphic when American magazines added darkened eyes and pellucid skin to the British style and set the pictures in bathrooms. Editors argued that it provided an antidote to glossy perfection.

Despite sympathy for Mrs Sorrenti, British fashion insiders feel that the spotlight should be on America. A recent issue of *Detour* magazine featured photographs by Christian Witkin of a model lying on a bathroom floor, apparently drugged. The actress Juliette Lewis complained that it was a deliberate "junkie lay-out".

Fashion insiders yesterday said that rock music was the real culprit. But as one fashion journalist conceded: "Fashion photography takes a lot from rock'n'roll."

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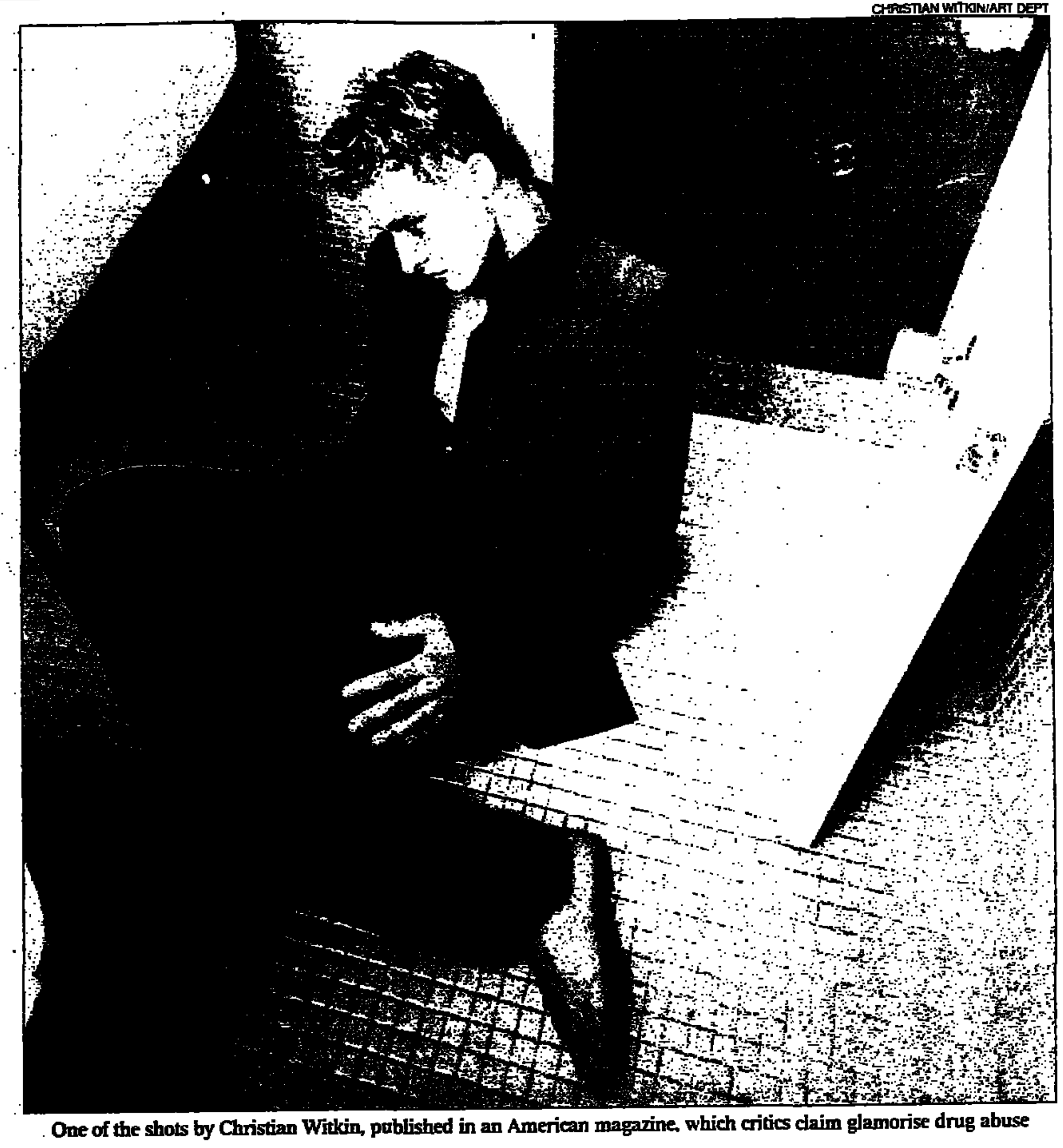


One of the shots by Christian Witkin, published in an American magazine, which critics claim glamorise drug abuse

Clinton's homily on drugs offers American analysts a quick fix

FROM TUNKU VARADARAJAN IN NEW YORK

YOU do not have to be an avuncular President to set an agenda in America, nor even a particularly moral one. Just being the President is enough.

Bill Clinton has spoken out this week on two of America's perennial obsessions — drugs and fashion — and, suddenly, nobody can talk about anything else. "Heroin chic" has swept to the top of the nation's blather-boards as analysts, leader-writers, politicians and fashion gurus scramble to respond to the presidential homily.

Mr Clinton accused the American fashion industry of making heroin seem "glamorous, sexy and cool", adding: "You do not need to glamorise addiction to sell clothes."

Mr Clinton continued, in a passage that should earn his speechwriter a stack of brownie points: "American fashion has been an enormous source of creativity and beauty and art and, frankly, economic prosperity for the United States. We *should all value and* respect that.

"But the glorification of heroin is not creative, it's destructive. It's not beautiful, it's ugly. This is not about art, it's about life and death. And glorifying death is not good for society."

The seeds of this outpouring can be found in an article in *The New York Times*, about the death of a photographer who did little else but *picture drug-dazed models*, which "gophers" had clipped to the Presidential bedtime reading file.

The problem, however, is that "heroin chic" has, to put it bluntly, gone right out of fashion in America. "Happy" ads are now in, as is a wholesome, drug-free appearance. Designers now have little time for the etiolated, "syringe-jabber's look", and parents of young children across America are grateful for that. Critics attribute the demise of "heroin chic" to a simple factor: it had ceased to sell. Michael Gross, author of *Model: The Ugly Business of Beautiful Women*, said: "Fashion doesn't care what message it is sending out as long as the message sells frocks. The point is not to addict them to heroin. The point is to addict them to clothing."

The consensus is that Mr Clinton has stated the obvious. "The glorification of heroin is a bad thing," Charles Grandee, associate editor of *Vogue*, said. "Who would disagree?"

But when the President say something, America listens. "Heroin chic" is bad. Y'all hear that now?

Price of a high lower as imports flood in

BY RICHARD FORD

A SHARP drop in price has established heroin as the most fashionable drug in Britain. A kilogram costs £16,000 against £32,000 for cocaine, which is losing popularity among the "smart" set.

Drug squad officers have been alarmed at the speed with which the price of heroin has dropped on the streets of London from £100 to £60 a gram — the average daily dose — as the drug has flooded in from Turkey during the past 12 months.

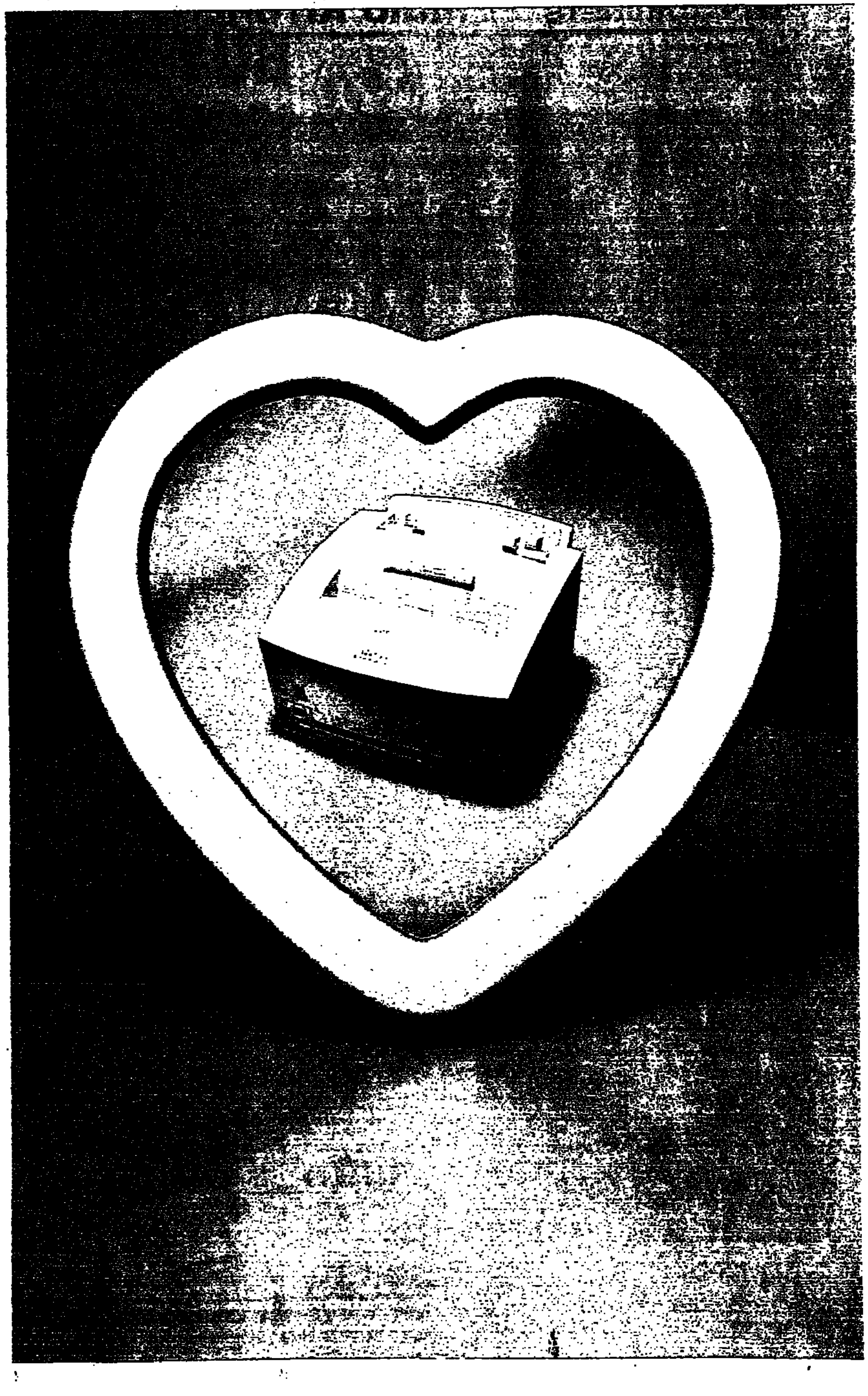
Scotland Yard believes that members of the Turkish community in north London are behind the burgeoning imports. Those involved have been legally resident in Britain for some years.

Detective Inspector Peter Scott said that heroin was now used by people from all social backgrounds. "We are talking about so many people who have got so many different needs and desires. Because it is more easily available it has become a more fashionable drug." Users generally started by smoking heroin but changed to injections when they became addicted, he said.

The conflict in the Balkans had made it much easier to smuggle heroin, Mr Scott added. It is often brought in along long-distance lorry routes: more than 470kg seized last year is believed to have arrived in this way.

Last month customs officers made their biggest seizure: the 250kg cache was kept in a warehouse at Hornsey, north London. Last year two officers on foot patrol discovered 25kg being carried in a holdall by a Turkish man on the Broadwater Farm estate in Tottenham.

The number of drug trafficking offences detected in the capital last year rose 26 per cent to 3,785. Nearly 24,000 drug possession offences were detected and there were 27,224 seizures of drugs.



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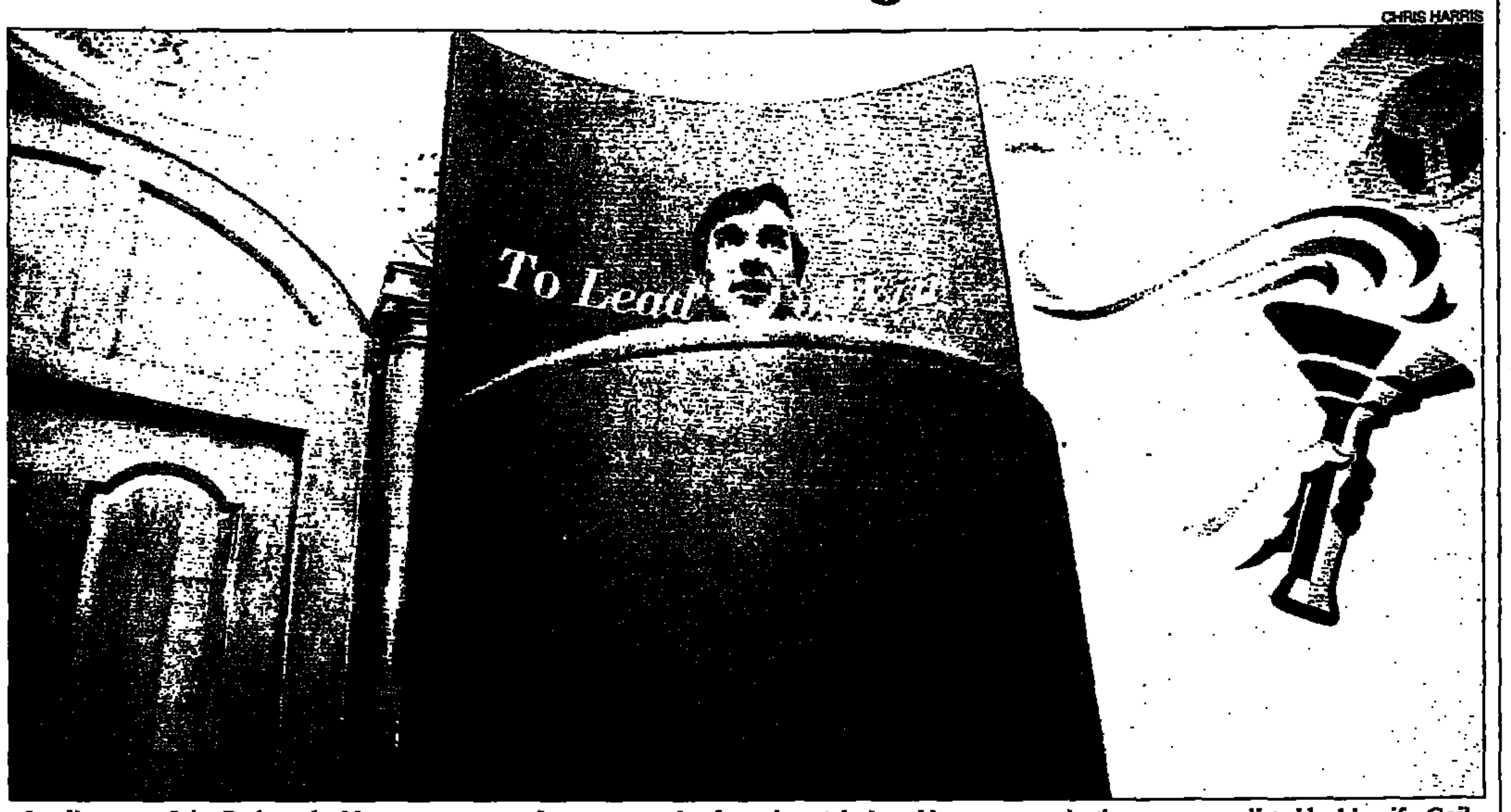
Redwood joins attack on Major's record

Andrew Pierce sees the leadership contenders pick holes in the Tory party's disastrous election campaign



CHRIS HARRIS

Leading man: John Redwood addresses a press conference yesterday from the set designed by a communications agency enlisted by his wife, Gail

JOHN MAJOR'S leadership of the Conservatives became the focus of the campaign to succeed him yesterday when John Redwood became the second contender in 24 hours to criticise his record.

Mr Redwood said that the loyalties of party members had been stretched to breaking-point over the past few years because of the relentless abandonment of party principles. The former Cabinet minister expressed dismay that he had spent most of the general election campaign trying to dissuade paid-up members from staying at home or backing Sir James Goldsmith's Referendum Party.

"I should have been wooing the floating voter. I spent it instead with the party membership, who I pleaded with to vote for the Conservative candidate," he said.

Hague: first contender *to criticise leadership*

Mr Redwood was addressing a press conference from his new presidential-style set. He stood on a rostrum against a blue and white backdrop displaying the Tory torch and his campaign slogan: *To Lead – To Win.*

Mr Redwood's attack came the day after William Hague, seen as Mr Major's preferred heir apparent, criticised the "constantly shifting fudge" of recent years and condemned the era of "sleaze, greed, self-indulgence and division".

Mr Hague, youngest of the six candidates, will receive a further boost today from William Waldegrave, one of the seven Cabinet ministers who lost their seats. Mr Waldegrave will declare his support during a visit by Mr Hague to his former Bristol constituency.

Mr Redwood and Mr Hague both avoided mentioning Mr Major by name. But their comments were barely concealed criticisms of the way in which the party is divided over Europe.

Stephen Dorrell, the former health secretary, also entered the debate over Mr Major's record yesterday. In contrast to Mr Redwood and Mr Hague, he praised the former Prime Minister, who once singled out Mr Dorrell as a future Tory leader. "History will be very kind to John Major," he said in a statement. "Conservatives should be proud of our record between 1979 and 1997 . . . I am proud to have been a member of the government during that time."

However, he went on to criticise the party's general election campaign. "In 1997 we lost contact with our supporters because we failed to convince them that a re-elected Conservative government would reflect their values."

Peter Lilley, speaking at a press conference, said that Mr Major carried out his leadership "with great dignity, and he emerged with respect of all members of the party".

Mr Redwood, who challenged Mr Major for the leadership in 1995, said that it was the drift over Europe, and neglect of small businesses and traditional Tory concerns such as the erosion of the countryside, which had led to a sharp fall in membership.

"Some have quietly slipped away from the Conservatives, others have joined and worked for the Eurosceptic parties that formed on our flank. Towards the end of the last government, many party activists left the theatre. By the time the curtain came down we were playing to an empty house."

Mr Redwood said that many former party members had agonised over whether to vote at all in the general election. "I want all those Conservatives to come back home," he said. "The way to invite them back is to remind them why we were all Conservatives in the first place."

Viscount Whitelaw, the closest confidant of Margaret Thatcher during much of her premiership, yesterday called on the party to end internal "theological disputes" and to choose Kenneth Clarke, the former Chancellor. In a letter to *The Daily Telegraph*, Lord Whitelaw pointed out that the party did not move significantly to the Right after defeat in 1945 and 1966. "Instead, we listened to the message of the people and resisted ideological convulsions," he said.

Law chief tells youth courts to get tough

By Frances Gibb
LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

MAGISTRATES were urged by the Lord Chancellor yesterday to be tough on persistent young offenders and to cut adjournments in youth courts.

In his first public pronouncement since taking office, Lord Irvine of Lairg, QC, told the 382 magistrates who chair the youth court panels in England and Wales that he wanted them to deal "swiftly and effectively" with young criminals. His letter was delivered the day after the Home Secretary announced measures to speed up the youth justice system under the Crime and Disorder Bill.

Lord Irvine, president of the Magistrates' Association, said that speedy action was essential because delay disconnected the crime from the punishment.

He urged magistrates, where possible, to sentence more cases at first hearing; be more critical of applications for adjournment; consider carefully the period of adjournment and whether a pre-sentence report is necessary; and consider orders against lawyers for wasted costs.

Ann Fuller, chairman of the Magistrates' Association, said: "We are not against change but all magistrates wish to see a well-considered, practical and full review, not quick patchwork measures."

Sniping suspect's brother-in-law seeks Dublin seat

By Audrey Magee, Ireland Correspondent

THE brother-in-law of the alleged IRA sniper charged with killing Lance Bombardier Stephen Restorick aims to become the first Sinn Fein member of the Dublin Parliament since 1922.

Caoimhghin O Caolain is standing in the border constituency of Cavan-Monaghan for its final seat under the Irish election's proportional representation system. His opponents admit that it will be a close fight.

Sinn Fein hopes that its success in securing two seats at Westminster will generate enough support in the Republic to carry Mr O Caolain into the Dail. The party is working hard to portray him as a community worker who has no paramilitary record. It is putting him forward for television interviews on party matters, sending him on missions to the United States and this week included him in the first talks with British government officials since the 1996 collapse of the IRA ceasefire.

The Times has discovered, however, that Mr O Caolain is closely linked to Bernard McGinn, who was arrested in Northern Ireland last month and charged with three murders: Lance Bombardier Restorick at a checkpoint in Bessbrook, Co Armagh last February; Lance Bombardier Andrew Garret in 1993; and Gilbert Johnston, a former UDR soldier, in 1978. Mr O Caolain, 43, a former bank clerk, said that he had no wish to discuss his brother-in-law or their relationship.

"What happened to Bernard is not a factor in this election," he said. "People in this constituency know me and know of my commitment to peace."

The Sinn Fein candidate — one of 15 standing in the election on June 6 — is running a close race against two young women, Ann Leonard of Fianna Fail and Ann Gallagher of Labour. They are fighting for the seat held by Ms Leonard's father, Jimmy, who is retiring from Irish politics. Mr Leonard received strong support from republicans in Monaghan and it is expected that those votes will transfer to Mr O Caolain rather than to his daughter, a 28-year-old nurse.

☐ The Most Rev Desmond Connell, the Archbishop of Dublin, called for a referendum to confirm Ireland's legal ban on abortion. He said in a newspaper article that "unacceptable ambiguity" surrounded the legal right to life.

John Bruton, the Irish Prime Minister, said that he and his coalition partners would not accede to the request.

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Fox-hunters urged to set up own regulator

By Michael Hornsby, Countryside Correspondent

THE establishment of an independent body to police hunting with hounds was recommended yesterday in the first review of the sport in nearly half a century. The proposed regulator would have the power to ban hunts that behaved unacceptably.

The review finds no reason to outlaw hunting, a move which would have a huge impact on rural social and economic life, but says there are "questionable" practices that should be examined and perhaps abandoned.

With the Government pledged to hold a free vote on whether hunting should be outlawed, the report will be widely seen as an attempt by the hunting community to put its own house in order in the hope of staving off a ban.

The authors find no scientific evidence that hunting foxes constitutes cruelty, but suggest that hunting cub foxes early in the season and using terriers to dig out foxes that have gone to ground may cause unusual mental and psychological stress.

The review was commissioned by the Countryside Movement, a body which was set up two years ago under the chairmanship of Sir David Steel, the former Liberal Democrat leader. Earlier this year it joined forces with the British Field Sports Society after running into financial straits.

The report was compiled by a three-man team chaired by Richard Phelps, a retired public administrator. The two other members were William "Twink" Allen, Professor of Equine Reproduction at Cambridge University, and Stuart Harrop, Professor of Wildlife Management Law at Kent University. Professor Allen was the only member of the team who hunts.

The League Against Cruel Sports denounced the report, saying no one should be fooled into thinking it was the product of an unbiased inquiry. "It was the brainchild of the bloodsports lobby and funded by the bloodsports lobby," a statement said.

John Cooper, the league's chairman, added: "We would obviously welcome the removal of cub-hunting and terrier-work from fox-hunting, although that is unlikely to be acceptable to many hunters.

"But it would still leave a so-called sport which torments foxes by chasing them to the point of exhaustion before allowing the animal to be disembowelled in the most horrendous fashion."

Mr Phelps insisted yesterday that his group had taken an entirely independent view. Their aim had been to take a dispassionate look at the arguments for and against hunting, a "far more complex" issue than was generally recognised.

Professor Harrop said the last big review of hunting, the 1951 Scott Henderson report, had recommended setting up a regulatory body but the proposal was not acted on.

"We are not suggesting that hunts are breaking their own rules," he said. "But they are not responsible to any outside body and there is no real pressure on them at present to examine their own practices."

The report suggests that the regulatory body should be modelled on the Press Complaints Commission. Ideally, hunts would enter into contractual relationships with the commission and agree to accept its rulings. If this could not be achieved, the body would need some basis in statute law.

On the alleged cruelty of fox-hunting, the report says: "Without doubt, the fox experiences a mixture of excitement, tension, fear and physical stress, and a final brief period of acute distress, before it is killed almost instantaneously by the lead hound which breaks its neck.

"But the levels of these disturbances are no greater or more prolonged than those that occur routinely in nature when any type of predator stalks, hunts and kills its prey." The fox was well equipped for the chase.

The report also says that a ban on hunting would have a severe effect on local economies, with associated hotel and catering trades affected.

Fox-hunting, here depicted by Stubbs, has an important role in rural life with many jobs dependent, the report says

Labour is seeking to prevent Bill on hunting

By Jill Sherman

THE Government was making strenuous efforts last night to prevent one of its MPs from introducing a Private Member's Bill to ban fox hunting.

Michael Foster, MP for Worcester, drew first place in the private members' ballot, which means that his Bill will be introduced this session and, if it commands widespread support, could have a good chance of becoming law.

As soon as the results were announced Mr Foster was called in to see the whips, warned that a ban on fox-hunting was not the Governnment's first priority and told not to rush ahead with any decision

But Mr Foster, an animal rights sympathiser, is already being put under huge pressure from the anti-hunting lobby to use his slot for an anti-hunting Bill. Yesterday the League Against Cruel Sports said that it had had discussions on the issue with Mr Foster in the run-up to the election and it was willing to provide the resources necessary to bring in his Bill.

The League is proposing to pay for an opinion poll in Mr Foster's constituency. Yesterday it published a statement Mr Foster made to his local newspaper in which he said: "I would vote to ban fox-hunting. I think it is a barbaric practice." The League also said it had a piece of legislation ready which it had drawn up with other animal rights groups including the RSPCA.

Mr Foster said he had been trying to avoid the lobbyists because he had not decided what kind of Bill he would introduce. "I'm going to take time over the next week or so to make sure I judge the whole measure very carefully and don't rush into it."

Labour has promised a free vote on fox-hunting but business managers have pointed out to Mr Foster that the present session is already tightly packed with the Government's 26 bills and there would be little room for such a controversial Bill. They have warned him that although such a Bill would easily get through the Commons it might have a rougher passage in the Lords. A ban on fox-hunting is not a manifesto commitment.

Five of the top six MPs in the ballot were Tories. The name of Julian Lewis, new Tory MP for New Forest East, was second out of the hat. The Tory Eurosceptic Teresa Gorman was in third place, the former Transport Secretary Sir George Young fourth, Cynog Dafis of Plaid Cymru fifth and John Burnett, the new Liberal Democrat MP for Devon West and Torridge, sixth.

Those in the top half dozen places have a good chance of getting a measure through Parliament if they opt for non-contentious legislation with widespread support.

Tories must stop dithering and start rebuilding party

RIDDELL ON POLITICS

The manoeuvrings over the Tory leadership are receiving far more attention than they deserve. The contenders are being treated as if they still exercised serious power — partly because they are familiar faces. They do not, and will not for some time. The Tories can only shout from the sidelines. But much of the political world has not yet really adjusted to the scale of the Tory defeat, even though the party's new MPs are more realistic about the state of the party than their elders.

It was absurd that the elections for the chairman and executive of the Tory backbench 1922 committee were discussed as if this august body of old buffers (a mere couple of members excepted) really mattered. It is far less important than any one of half a dozen Cabinet committees. Sir Archie Hamilton looks the very model of a 1992 chairman but he would not feature on any list of the 50 most influential politicians in Britain. At least, though, he and his committee yesterday cut through all the recent blather about the leadership election.

There has been endless talk about changing the rules to create an electoral college in which constituency chairmen and party worthies have a minority share of the vote or, alternatively, for a new leader to submit himself to broader approval by the party in the country. Of course, 164 MPs are far too few to elect the leader of what is supposed to be the alternative government. Most MPs were selected, or endorsed, by more party members in their own constituencies. But it is daft to devise a fancy, and inevitably interim, new franchise at this stage for the current election. The only sensible course is, as agreed last night, to hold the election under the existing rules and then to review the rules afterwards. There is a strong case for the involvement of ordinary party members, but as part of a broader scheme to revive and rebuild the Tory party in the country. But last night's solution for the current contest still looks a messy compromise as the voluntary side of the Tory party appears discontented.

The choice of Tory leader is itself less important than the rival campaigns pretend. We are not necessarily talking about the next Prime Minister. Of course, some of the candidates would be worse than others, further isolating the party from the mainstream. Kenneth Clarke is the obvious candidate with a broad national appeal in the short term. But whoever is elected will find that the state of the Tory party is likely to get a lot worse in the immediate future. There will be questions about who will serve under whom and over the party's stand on Europe.

The immediate priorities for the Tories are not at Westminster or about policy-making but outside and organisational. The Tories need to reinvent themselves as a new party just as Labour has under Tony Blair. The fresh faces, both male and female, on the Labour benches show a party which has a broad national base. At present, the Tories in the House of Commons are, in the main, "an English rural and suburban party", as Sir Patrick Cormack commented in the Commons on Wednesday. They no longer speak for big city and industrial England, or the whole of Scotland and Wales.

Consequently, the parliamentary party can no longer expect the predominant role it has enjoyed in the past. The Tories must look to a strong national organisation, a central membership scheme (both as a means of communication and fundraising) and to a revival in local government. The current frolics in the parliamentary party are merely a messy prelude to the real work of recovery.

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Regional companies to gain London home in Victorian building fitted with latest seating technology

Music hall takes encore as quick-change theatre

By Dalya Alberge
Arts Correspondent

The music hall's original façade after it was founded by Sam Collins, right, chimney sweep and comedian

ONE of Britain's oldest music halls, which has been empty for decades since Charlie Chaplin, Gracie Fields and Tommy Cooper trod its boards, is to be restored as a theatre for the best regional companies.

Adrian Noble, artistic director of the Royal Shakespeare Company, and Clive Anderson, the television host, are among leading figures promoting the 1862 Collins Music Hall on Islington Green, north London.

The RSC's Swan Theatre at Stratford-upon-Avon and the Royal Exchange in Manchester will be among regional companies able to transfer productions there. The organisers, who say the Collins will be "an ambassador for the rapidly growing quality of British regional drama", are seeking £13.75 million from the National Lottery. The total cost is £17.95 million and most of the rest has been raised.

Sally Greene, the Collins's acting chairman, said that it would be "a new type of theatre" that could rearrange itself into virtually any stage layout. Using compressed air technology, interchangeable mobile seating towers would allow the theatre to be reshaped for each performance, switching between theatre-in-the-round and end-stage formats and accommodating between 450 and 700 people.

Mr Noble said that there would be huge savings as scenery would no longer have to be adapted or rebuilt for transfers: it would simply be used in a layout matching the original production.

From 1862 until 1958, audiences flocked to the Collins, which was named after Sam Collins, a cockney chimney sweep who performed at local music halls as an "Irish" comedian. In 1862 he turned a pub into the 600-seat Collins. Gracie Fields made her London debut there, Chaplin appeared in Frank Carno's Mumming Birds troupe of 1912 and Tommy Cooper gave his first professional performance there. In 1958 it was destroyed by fire and used as a timber yard. The organisers say: "You can still see the outline of the steps, the balconies where people crowded, leaned and laughed." They promise that the new theatre will echo the spirit of the old hall.

The design, by the Renton Howard Wood Levin Partnership, includes an arts centre that will open from 9am until 11pm. In addition to 343 performances a year, the hall will offer an exhibition area in the café-bar and a cinema for screening work by first-time film-makers. Charles Saatchi, the advertising innovator and collector of contemporary art, has promised to find artists for the gallery.

Mr Noble said: "If the lottery bid is successful, from 1999 more people will be able to see Swan Theatre productions in London than is currently possible." The Royal Exchange, which has been without a London home since its residency at the Round House in the early 1980s, will have a three-month season at the Collins.

Yesterday the Exchange received £17 million lottery money to repair its Manchester home, which was badly damaged in last year's IRA bombing. More than £30 million is being spent on the Victorian building.

The hall will offer touring companies a more permanent London base. Max Stafford-Clark, artistic director of the innovative Out of Joint touring company, said: "Currently there are no theatres in London that can offer us what the Collins is proposing: an unconventional theatre space that will have the flexibility to respond to the varied range of work that we produce."

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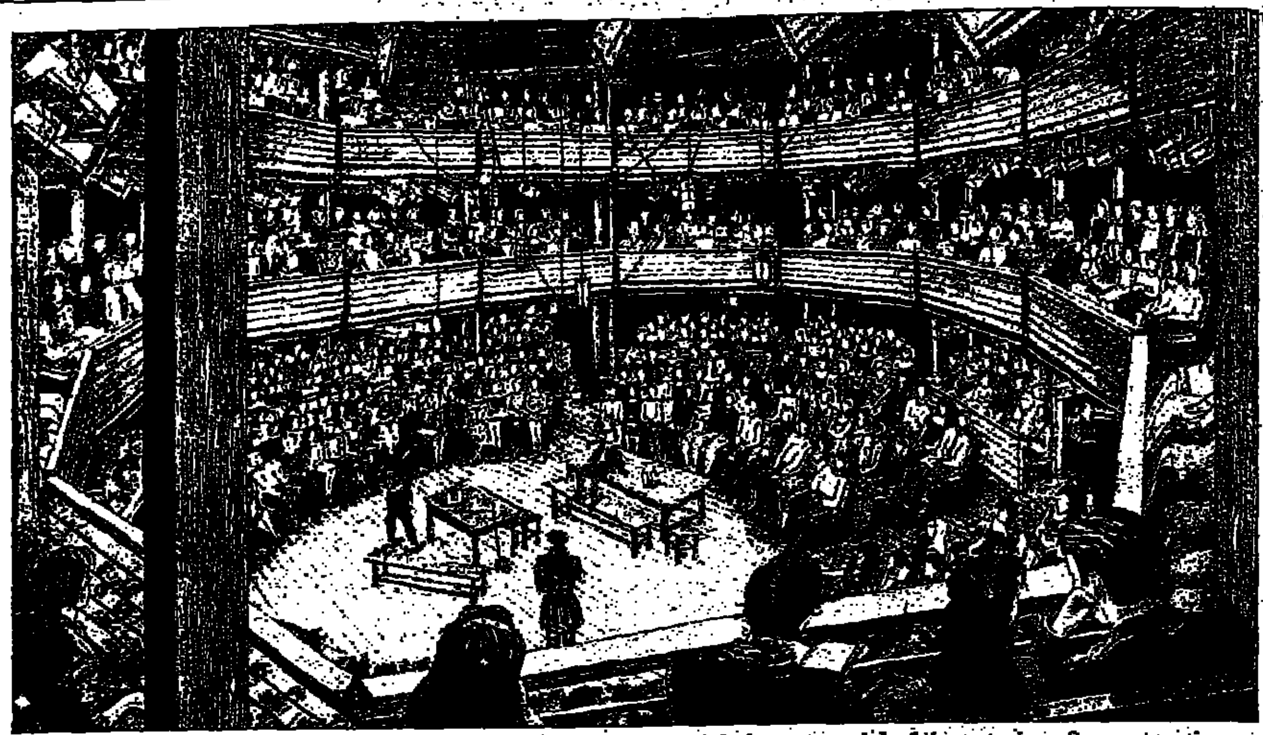
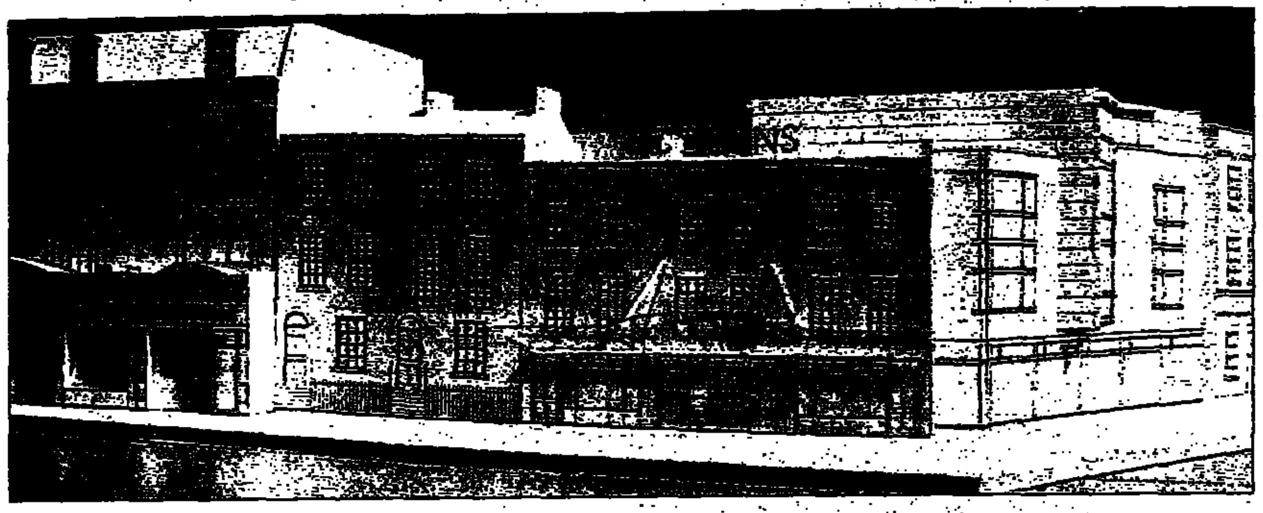


An artist's impression of the theatre's in-the-round mode and, below, a model of the exterior after restoration



Lottery money to pay for Cornish Garden of Eden

By Michael Hornsby, Agriculture Correspondent

THE Millennium Commission will today announce National Lottery funding to help to create a "Garden of Eden" in a disused claypit near St Austell in Cornwall, much of it contained in what will be the biggest greenhouses in the world.

The Eden Project will be one of the most ambitious schemes so far approved by the commission, the body set up to award grants from lottery proceeds to projects celebrating the millennium.

Sir Alcon Copisarow, chairman of the project's trustees, said: "The core project will cost just over £73 million and we have applied for half of this to be met by the commission, though we will not know exactly how much we will get until the announcement is made."

A spokesman for the Millennium Commission confirmed yesterday that the award would be announced today but refused to forecast the size of the grant.

Sir Alcon said: "The project is intended to symbolise the shift from exploitation to conservation of the natural world and will take about three years to construct. It is a very exciting design, a sort of cross between the international terminal at Waterloo Station and the conservatories at Kew Gardens.

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Afghan city enjoys its reprieve from Taleban conquest

Christopher Thomas reports from Mazar-i-Sharif, the last significant urban refuge from the hardline Muslim regime

FOR three days this week Mazar-i-Sharif closed its shutters and awaited invasion; little by little it has emerged from panic, now convinced that the Taleban Islamic militia will take time to overthrow the last important city in Afghanistan beyond its control.

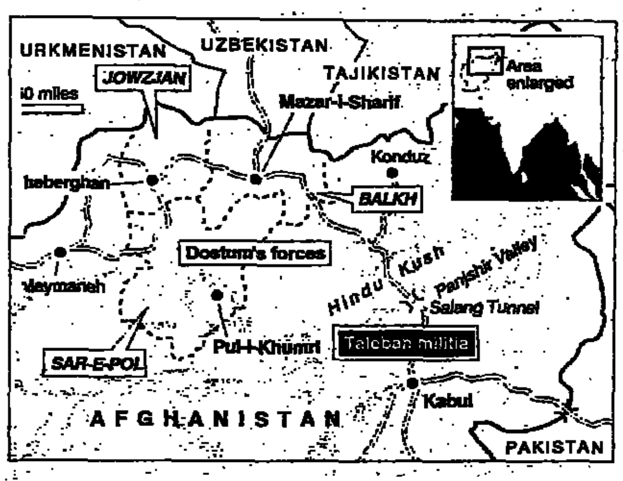
The markets were open and busy in Mazar-i-Sharif yesterday and popular Hindi film music pounded from record shops. Most women were fully veiled in keeping with custom, but some left their faces uncovered as they walked to and from work, the last women in Afghanistan allowed to hold jobs outside the home.

Many wore make-up and fashionable shoes, with no mullahs to berate them or religious police to beat them. They looked at the latest goods in the shops, filled with clothes and cheap electronic goods brought in through the Central Asian states to the north. This last bastion of liberalism in Afghanistan is cherishing freedom, unsure how long it will last. The local currency, in reality worthless, has soared and plunged this week in response to rumour, but has finally settled down to around its earlier value, a sign of confidence among the money traders, their ears constantly tuned to gossip.

They are crucial to the survival of the north. This gaggle of men, arms laden with cash, are the best barometer of the mood of Mazar-i-Sharif, and the latest exchange rates against the dollar suggest that they have no great fear of the immediate future, although they worry that they will fail to anticipate the north's collapse.

The war has moved close: there has been fighting within 30 miles of Sheberghan, a small town less than an hour's drive from Mazar-i-Sharif where General Abdul Rashid Dostum, the northern military chief, has his headquarters. But there are indications he has recaptured territory lost to him in a mutiny that threatened to bring down his relatively liberal Islamic fiefdom. He does not seem beaten yet.

The road to Sheberghan, closed for two days, reopened yesterday, as did the road to the strategically important town of Pul-i-Khumri, 100 miles to the southeast. This demonstrates confidence that no invasion can be imminent while inconclusive battles continue in the countryside, stretching the resources of General Dostum's personal and ideological enemies.



Many troops have been flown into the north by General Ahmed Shah Masood, one of the most renowned commanders in Afghanistan, from his stronghold in the Panjshir Valley north of Kabul, the capital. Until now he has largely stayed out of the fight as Taleban moved into General Dostum's provinces: his engagement now could well tip the scales for General Dostum.

General Masood's men landed at Sheberghan and are now in the mountains and deserts, fighting along fluid front lines. It is not intensive warfare: rather, it is opportunistic killing by wandering bands of guerrillas, and casualties are probably modest. At times, it is probable that neither side knows who is winning.

General Dostum spent time on Tuesday with the head of the Iranian diplomatic mission in Mazar-i-Sharif, further proof of his closeness to Tehran, which has propped up his currency with American dollars when it has appeared to be about to collapse. Iran has two principal interests in Afghanistan: protecting the Shia minority and ensuring that an oil pipeline is never built from Central Asia through Afghanistan and Pakistan to the Arabian Sea.

General Dostum may have recaptured all or some of Sar-e-Pol, one of three provinces he lost in the mutiny. General Abdul Malik, who is leading the revolt, has thrown in his lot with Teleban, but for how long, and why, are not clear. He is a traitor in the eyes of many fellow Uzbeks and may not be able to sustain an effective challenge to his friend-turned-enemy, a popular leader whose name, Dostum, means "everybody's friend".

☐ ***Islamabad:*** *Mullah* Muhammad Ghaus, Taleban Foreign Minister, held talks with Norbert Holl, the United Nations mediator, here yesterday, Afghan sources said. The talks focused on the food situation in Afghanistan, humanitarian assistance and military developments in northern Afghanistan, Abdul Wahab, a diplomat from the Taleban-controlled Afghan Embassy here said.

Other sources said Herr *Holl proposed a meeting* between Taleban and a representative of the opposition alliance which is headed by General Dostum. They said that the Taleban official's response was "positive". *(AFP)*

ZAHEERUDDIN ABDULLAH / AP

Refugees cling to a bus in their attempt to escape fighting on the "Taleban front line" north of Kabul yesterday

NEWS IN BRIEF

Tirana sets date for poll

Vienna: Franz Vranitzky, the European envoy to Albania, said yesterday that all sides had agreed to go ahead with a general election on June 29.

Herr Vranitzky, mediating for the Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe, pledged that the international community would now do everything possible to help the country to prepare for the poll and for reconstruction. *(Reuter)*

Cyclone fears

Chittagong: Nearly 750 fishermen were reported missing, feared drowned, in the Bay of Bengal, three days after a 125 mph cyclone battered the Bangladesh coast killing around 100 people. *(Reuter)*

11 die in ambush

Guwahati: Tribal separatists ambushed and killed 11 soldiers as Inder Kumar Gujral, the Indian Prime Minister, toured a troubled hill region in the northeastern Manipur state. *(Reuter)*

Fatal flight cash

Detroit: A local man was awarded £625,000 for the suffering his late mother endured in the 12 minutes after Korean Air Lines Flight 007 was shot down in Soviet airspace in 1983 before it crashed. *(AP)*

Boycott threat

Jakarta: Megawati Sukarnoputri, the leader of Indonesia's *pro-democracy* movement, threw down a challenge to President Suharto by threatening to organise a boycott of the election on May 29.

Killer quake

Kosamghat: At least 35 people were killed and 1,000 injured when a powerful earthquake hit Madhya Pradesh in central India, flattening houses and burying many victims as they slept. *(Reuter)*

Editor cleared

Lusaka: Fred M'membe, *the* Editor of *The Post*, an independent Zambian newspaper, and his two deputies were acquitted on treason charges for publishing leaked government secrets last year. *(AP)*

Grannies set up Tokyo scort agency

okyo: Life begins at 60 for e women of the "Grandma" ating club that has just pened in Shinjuku, Tokyo's aunchiest amusement quar- r (Robert Whymant writes).

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Israel press corps urges Arafat to free journalist

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

ISRAEL'S 200-member Foreign Press Association yesterday appealed to Yassir Arafat, the President of the Palestinian Authority, to release a leading Palestinian-American *journalist from prison* where he is being held in an attempt to stifle internal criticism of the self-rule administration.

Daoud Kuttab, renowned for his attacks on Israeli military rule of the West Bank and *the Gaza Strip*, is reported to be detained in Ramallah jail because his private television station pioneered broadcasting live debates from the 88-member Palestinian Legislative Council. This body, better known as the Palestinian parliament, is often critical of Mr Arafat's administration, despite his efforts to reduce its influence, and it recently tried to pass a motion of no confidence in the authority.

Mr Kuttab's arrest was the *most serious example* of attempts by the Palestinian self-rule leadership to silence the press. His detention came as criticism was growing among Palestinians of corruption among Mr Arafat and his supporters, some of whom have built themselves multi-million-dollar villas in Gaza.

Mr Kuttab's brother, Jonathan, a prominent lawyer, said the journalist was arrested on Tuesday night. "They [Palestinian Authority officials] do not like the fact that people speak bluntly in the council. They do not like the fact he goes live," the lawyer said, adding that his brother would not be freed until Mr Arafat returns from *talks in Cairo.*

The statement from the press association said: "The FPA urges prompt action to release journalist Daoud Kuttab. As far as we understand, no charges have been brought against him and it is widely understood he was detained for broadcasting stories from the Palestinian Legislative Council. If true, such action would be a serious and grave restraint on free expression, inconsistent with free journalism."

Koreans fled rumours of war

FROM REUTER IN SEOUL

THE first "boat people" defectors from North Korea, who arrived in the South last week, yesterday described people starving to death and said their homeland was gripped by rumours of impending war against South Korea.

Fourteen members of two families told their first news conference that life in the North was a constant battle to survive. "My parents had malnutrition from eating only *flour porridge,"* said Kim Hwa Ok, 41, the wife of the vessel's captain.

The other family included the ship's engineer, Kim Won Hyung, who said rumours were spreading that the North Korean leader, Kim Jung Il, would launch an attack on the South between July and October at the end of a three-year mourning period for his father, *the late Kim Il Sung.*

A spokesman for North Korea's Foreign Ministry said yesterday that the food crisis had reached a "serious stage" but it would not go to war to resolve it.

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Albanian slaughter threatens lake's ancient fish delicacy

FROM TOM WALKER IN OHRID

EUROPEAN royals, Roman emperors and Eastern sultans have gorged themselves on its succulent pink flesh through the ages, but the present has little respect for the unique Ohrid trout of the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, now facing extinction.

After more than three million years *in the mountain* fastness of Lake Ohrid, *Salmo letnica* (said to have been Queen Victoria's favourite fish), finds itself in a conservationist's nightmare. Half the lake lies in Macedonia, where *the fish is almost a national* symbol; the other is in Albania, where the salmon-like trout is being electrocuted and harpooned into oblivion.

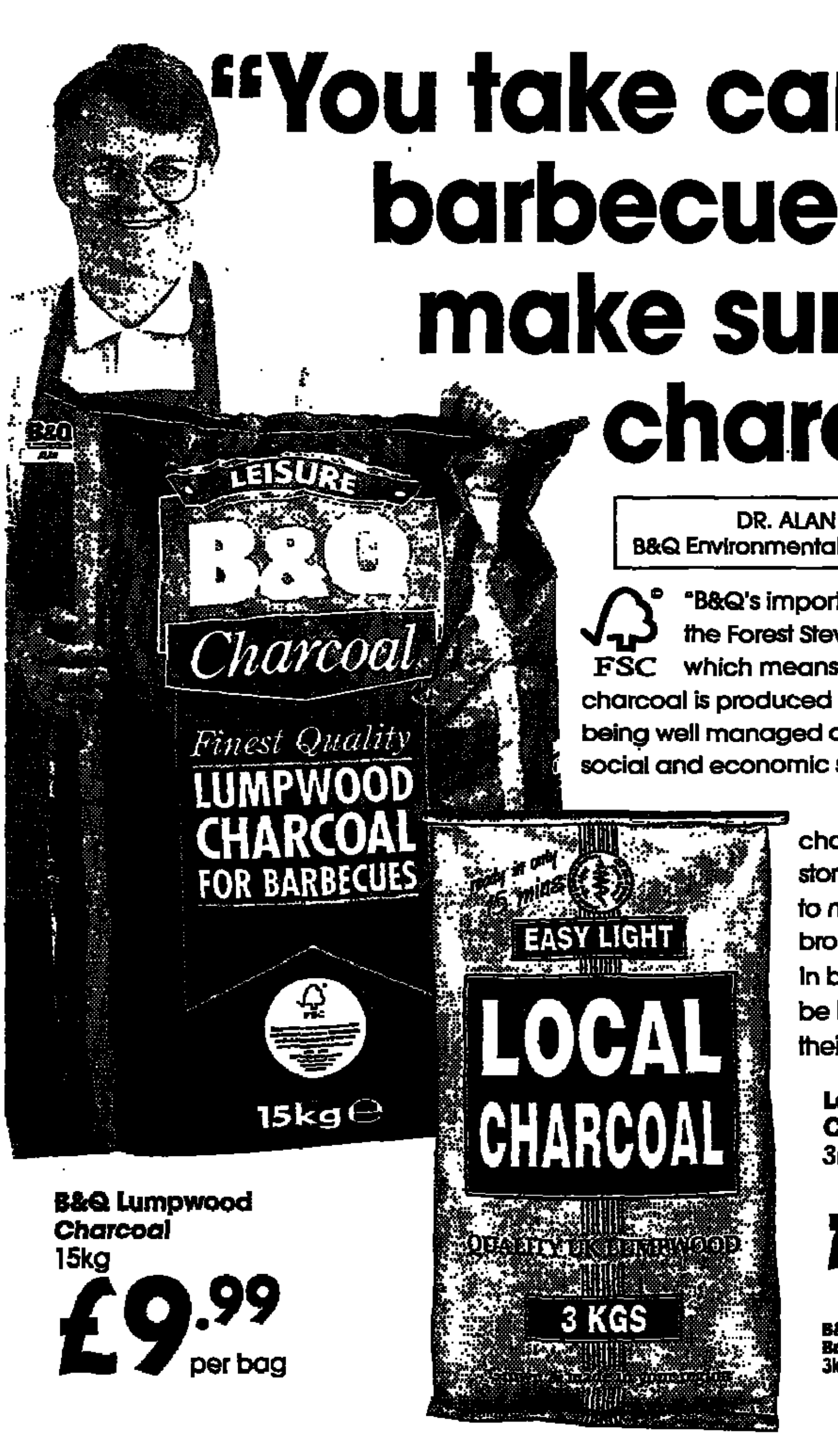
"Numbers have halved in the last five years and it is now *getting critical,"said Stefan* Kanevce, whose family has fished for generations from the Macedonian village of Kaneo. "They never used to eat it much in Albania, but now they are all fishing because they are all hungry."

The 80-year-old Macedonian President, Kiro Gligorov, *eats the trout every day, and Salmo letnica* was always the chosen fish of Tito. In recent years Queen Beatrix of The Netherlands, King Carl XVI Gustaf of Sweden and Turkish President Demirel have sampled its delights *during trips to* the lake. Dietary practitioners claim the fish can invigorate the eyes and brain.

Lake Ohrid, at 960ft the deepest lake in the Balkans, fills a giant geological fault in the rugged limestone terrain that separates Macedonia, Albania and, farther south, Greece. Protection as a World Heritage Site under Unesco has ended the concrete edifices built *round Ohrid* under Yugoslav communism.

But while Macedonia now has a host of fishing regulations and restrictions, there is little appreciation of the lake's fragile ecology in Albania. *Around Ohrid there* is no fishing at all during the trout's breeding season in January: at the same time in Albania the pregnant females are culled as they come near the shore to spawn, electrocuted by wires strung between reeds. *Those* that survive are harpooned.

The little-known Macedo*nian Navy has* two small gunboats on the lake, but rather than provoke border *tension* the Skopje Government is investing in programmes to bolster the trout's numbers through artificial *breeding and restocking.* "After 20 years like this there will be none left," said Dr Ivan Chado, a former director of the National Heritage Institute. "The problem is we can't wait for studies to be made," he said. "*It is the mentality of* the people on the other side of the lake that has to change."



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US Air Force chief brands B52 pilot 'insubordinate liar'

From Tom Rhodes in Washington

THE US Air Force's Chief of Staff branded America's first female B52 pilot an insubordinate liar as his political superiors yesterday wrestled to find a solution in the adultery case of Lieutenant Kelly Flinn.

Fast becoming a cause celebre, Lieutenant Flinn has been *accused of adultery* with a civilian and was to have been court-martialled at Minot air force base in North Dakota this week.

Amid growing *complaints* on Capitol Hill over her *treatment* and demands from critics that she not be granted the honourable discharge she requested, Sheila Widnall, the Air Force Secretary, was last night struggling *to bring an* end to what has become a *highly* embarrassing soap opera for the Pentagon.

But while Trent Lott, the Republican Senate majority leader, and Democrats in Congress *accused the air force* of poor management, its leading officer harshly criticised Lieutenant Flinn, 26, during testimony on Capitol Hill. General Ronald Fogleman, Air Force Chief of Staff, said the public *should* not merely view the bomber pilot as an adulteress.

> ❛ Less than a week after we arrived, Lieutenant Flinn was in bed with *my husband* ❜

"The *adultery thing* ... that's the thing that has been spun up in the press. That's not what the air force is interested in," the general said. "In the end, *this is not an* issue of adultery. This is an *issue about an officer entrust*ed to fly nuclear weapons who disobeyed an order, who lied."

The most serious allegation against Lieutenant Flinn is that she made a *false official* statement to investigators, a *charge which carries* a maximum penalty of five years' prison.

She is also charged with disobeying air force regulations against fraternisation with an enlisted man, as well as *adultery with a married* civilian and conduct unbecoming an officer, which could lead to a total sentence of four years. The lieutenant could be sentenced to a further six *months* for *disobeying* an order.

Politicians argued that in several cases, including the infamous 1991 Tailhook affair, in which female pilots were sexually abused by airmen at a *Las Vegas* convention, *there* had never been any prosecution by the air force.

But General Fogleman, a highly decorated Vietnam-era fighter pilot, argued that the service could not selectively *enforce its rules in the case of* Lieutenant Flinn.

Mrs Widnall has also received a letter from Airman Gayla Zigo, whose civilian husband had the affair with the B52 pilot. The letter called *for no mercy in the case* and portrayed Lieutenant Flinn as a sexual *predator* who deliberately tried to steal her husband.

"I thought she was simply being a friend to my husband, not trying to break up my marriage," said Airman Zigo. "*Less than* a week after we arrived to the base. Lieutenant Flinn was in bed with my husband having sex."

She added: "If Lieutenant Flinn gets away with these crimes, what does that say to *the rest of the air force* populace?"

Frank Spinner, Lieutenant Flinn's lawyer, said the letter showed flawed judgement. He said Airman Zigo, a battered wife who subsequently divorced her husband, Marc, should direct her anger at him.

The military judge in the case has indicated that, if Mrs Widnall rejected the honourable discharge, he would be prepared to begin the court martial soon afterwards.

Kelly Flinn, left, the B52 pilot accused of adultery, and Sheila Widnall, the Air Force Secretary

Police fire teargas and rubber bullets at demonstrators in Libertador San Martin in the northern Argentine province of Jujuy. More than 50 people were injured in a second consecutive day of clashes involving sugar workers, who were protesting over layoffs and pay arrears

McVeigh trial witnesses sow doubts over date bomb truck was rented

By Tom Rhodes

AFTER *weeks of damaging* evidence against Timothy McVeigh, the chief suspect in the Oklahoma City bombing, his defence yesterday attacked one of the cornerstones of the prosecution case. An array of witnesses *was called to* prove that Mr McVeigh, 29, did not *rent the vehicle used in the* explosion on the day that prosecutors had alleged.

Herta King and Renda Truong both testified they *had seen a rented yellow* Ryder truck at the Dreamland Motel in Junction City, Kansas, three days before the *bombing on April 19, 1995,* which killed 168 adults and children. The prosecution claimed that Mr McVeigh, under the pseudonym "Robert Kling", rented the truck a day later.

The decorated former Gulf War veteran stayed at the motel under his own name in the week before the blast. Lea McGown, mother of the motel's manager, was expected to testify that she saw Mr *McVeigh in the vehicle* on Easter Sunday, the day before *he is alleged to have rented* the truck.

While the prosecution crammed 137 witnesses into 18 days of compelling physical and circumstantial evidence against Mr McVeigh, they failed to find a single person who would say they had seen *the ex-soldier alone in Oklahoma* City on the day of the bombing. Stephen Jones, the leading defence lawyer, was already focusing on this element last night as he was expected to call Dana Bradley, *a teenager who lost her* leg in the blast.

Ms Bradley was to testify that she saw the Ryder lorry arrive outside the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City shortly before 9am. In contrast to the lanky, pale-faced Mr McVeigh, she has said the driver was short and dark-skinned.

Mr Jones hopes to inject reasonable doubt into the equation by showing Mr McVeigh was the stooge of a wider plot involving elements from the Middle East and even the IRA. He will also *criticise the methods* of the FBI forensic laboratory.

Sanctions on Chinese companies

By Tom Rhodes

WASHINGTON yesterday moved to punish a Hong Kong company and two Chinese firms suspected of providing Iran with chemical weapons technology.

In what was seen as a deliberate effort to rebut criticism that President Clinton had softened his attitude on Chinese human rights, trade and arms abuses, the Administration announced its first sanctions against Chinese *companies since re-election* last year.

Madeleine Albright, the American Secretary of State, told the Senate that America would implement a trade embargo against the unnamed companies for at least a year. She said that there was no direct evidence of any involvement by the Chinese Government.

Senator Robert Bennett, a Utah Republican, also pressed Ms Albright on naval intelligence which suggested China *was arming Iran with land*-based cruise missiles that could attack American vessels in the Gulf.

Without confirming the intelligence reports, Ms Albright said the State Department had expressed its concerns over the issue to the Beijing Government.

Clinton appoints policy seminar guru as envoy to London

By Our Washington Correspondent

PHILIP LADER, a close friend of the Clintons and Sir James Goldsmith, is to be named America's new Ambassador to London.

After months of speculation, US officials said yesterday that, barring any last-minute hitches or problems *with confirmation,* Mr Lader, 51, was certain to become President Clinton's new envoy to the Court of St James.

A former White House deputy Chief of Staff and head of the Small Business Administration, Mr Lader is also founder of the Renaissance Weekend seminars at *Hilton Head in* South Carolina, the annual new year policy discussion groups *faithfully* attended by the Clintons since 1984.

The posting to Britain will be something of a homecoming for Mr Lader, who studied law at Oxford before moving to Harvard. A confirmed Anglophile, he later became a lawyer and prominent businessman instrumental in developing Hilton *Head Island as a world-class resort.*

Sir James appointed him vice-president of his American holding company, running a four-million-acre property portfolio, the largest in the United States.

He is viewed as a member of the *President's inner circle,* a "Friend of Bill", who first met the future American leader *during Mr Clinton's* first term as Arkansas *Governor in 1978.*

The two have remained in constant contact ever since. In 1986, when Mr Lader ran unsuccessfully for the governorship of South Carolina, Mr Clinton spent an entire evening reminding his protégé that he had *also been defeated on first running* for office.

Apart from this single failure, Mr Lader's career has been marked by his ability to turn around ailing businesses and institutions. In 1991, he was appointed president of Bond *University in Queensland, Australia,* a foundation on the verge of bankruptcy. *When he left two years later* to join the Clinton Administration, the university was starting to make a profit and its enrolment had risen by a third.

While his appointment to London was described as a "priority" by White House officials yesterday, it was uncertain when an official *announcement would be made.*

The President, who travels to Europe next week for meetings in Paris and The Hague, is spending six hours in London on his return for a meeting with Tony Blair.

If confirmed, Mr Lader and his wife, Linda, *are expected to continue* running the annual Renaissance *gatherings.*

Mr Clinton this week named John Kornblum, the Assistant Secretary of State for European Affairs, as his new Ambassador to Bonn. Soon he is expected to name Felix Rohatyn, the Wall Street banker, as his envoy to *Paris and Tom Foley, the former* Speaker of the House of Representatives, is said to be destined for Tokyo.

☐ **Stockholm:** Rolf Ekeus, who has led the United Nations' tense and complex Iraqi weapons inspection programme, has been appointed as Sweden's Ambassador to the United States. Mr Ekeus replaces Henrik Liljegren. *(AP)*

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China hopes Blair will put aside disputes to attend Hong Kong ceremony

British and Chinese officials are putting the finishing touches to preparations for the colony's handover in June, report **James Pringle** in Beijing and **Michael Dynes** in London

PUTTING past quarrels with Britain over Hong Kong behind them, senior Chinese officials yesterday expressed the hope that Tony Blair would attend the ceremonies to "commemorate and celebrate" the handover of Hong Kong on June 30.

"Of course, we wish to see a very friendly atmosphere prevailing," said one senior official. Expressing a personal view, he added: "I hope the people from your side are of the highest standing, and the higher position they are the better."

The official said that President Jiang Zemin of China would be present. The Queen would be represented by the Prince of Wales but, the official said, if the Prime Minister could be there, "that would be appropriate".

Mr Blair is expected to weigh up whether he will be able to fit the trip into his busy domestic agenda. "I think the Prime Minister has not reached a final decision," said one source familiar with the British position. "A lot will depend on who is going on the Chinese side and we don't have definite word yet." The Foreign Office said yesterday that Mr Blair "is expected to decide soon" whether he will attend the handover ceremonies and Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary, has already said that he will be there.

Although the political reforms pushed through by Chris Patten, the Governor of Hong Kong, have profoundly angered the Chinese, he will be treated cordially at the ceremonies. "Of course I would be ready to shake hands with him," said one official who is in London for final consultations.

Detailed discussions have been going on for months between Britain and China in the Joint Liaison Group (JLG). It is responsible for making the transfer arrangements and is finalising "finishing touches" such as guest lists and seating arrangements. The group's two ambassadors, Hugh Davies and Chen Zuo'er, have been meeting once a week.

The last JLG plenary session will be held in Hong Kong from next Wednesday until Friday. It will decide the final details, including whether Mr Jiang will be present before or after midnight on June 30, and whether it will be a Communist-style ceremony with leaders lined up on the platform, as the Chinese want, or the less formal arrangement favoured by London.

There will be "no protocol problems" between the two sides, diplomatic sources say, although Mr Jiang, as China's head of state, will be the most senior person present.

The Chinese perceive Mr Blair and Mr Cook as "more friendly" than Mr Patten and the Conservative Government that appointed him, Chinese sources say.

Foreign diplomats in Beijing said yesterday that the presence of the Prime Minister would illustrate Britain's continuing concern for the territory, which it has ruled for 150 years.

"At the same time, it would allow Mr Blair to take the measure of Chinese leaders, and have useful talks with them on future Sino-British relations, and possibly trade," one envoy said.

In Tiananmen Square yesterday, the digital clock marking off the days, minutes and seconds until Hong Kong's return, had reached 39 days before zero hour.

Three ancient veterans of the Chinese Communist Party's revolutionary struggles in the 1930s, wearing campaign medals and new uniforms in the style of that time, posed beneath the clock as a choir of Beijing senior citizens sang "Without the Communist Party there would be no New China".

Officials say that at midnight on June 30 fireworks, banned in China in recent years, will be set off over Tiananmen Square. It is uncertain, however, if ordinary citizens will be permitted to attend.

Chinese officials are beginning to talk about the handover as "a great event" and "an historic occasion". Although films are being screened on the Opium Wars and other events involving Britain's relationship with China, anti-British feeling is hard to detect. There does, however, seem an atmosphere of quiet satisfaction that this problem "left over from history" will soon be settled.

Judge claims KGB role in attack on Pope 'covered up'

From Richard Owen in Rome

THE Italian judge who led the initial investigations into the assassination attempt on Pope John Paul II in May 1981 broke his long silence on the case yesterday. He said that he was convinced the KGB had organised the conspiracy, but its role had been covered up "because it was inconvenient to the highest authorities in the West at a delicate moment in East-West relations".

Ferdinando Imposimato was the investigating magistrate in charge of the inquiry after the attempted murder of the Pope by Mehmet Ali Agca, a Turkish gunman connected to the right-wing Grey Wolves terrorist group, in St Peter's Square. He said he was taken off the case in 1985 "just as we were coming to a conclusion over the KGB and the Bulgarian connection".

The "Bulgarian link" has been the subject of repeated controversy since 1981, but never proved. The Pope has said he does not believe that Sofia was involved.

However, Judge Imposimato, who served later as an MP for the Party of the Democratic Left (PDS), the former Communist Party, and is now an appeal court judge, told *Corriere della Sera* that he had continued to take an interest in the case.

The documents he had seen between 1981 and 1985 and since then left no doubt that "the Kremlin", specifically Yuri Andropov, then head of the KGB and later Soviet leader, had wanted the Pope dead because he posed a threat to the Communist system not only in his native Poland but also throughout the Soviet bloc.

But that view became "inconvenient" by 1985, at a time when Mikhail Gorbachev was coming to power in Moscow with a reform programme that might, and eventually did, lead to the transformation and collapse of the Soviet Union. "The West did not need any criminalisation of the East ... It was easier to blame the attack on an alleged madman." But he had found Agca, who is still in prison, "perfectly lucid and intelligent".

Judge Imposimato said that his superiors had urged him repeatedly to "let it go". But he had decided to speak out after Oral Celik, a Turkish former member of the Grey Wolves living in Paris, had said recently that he, too, had been in the square with Agca and had also fired at the Pope.

"I can confirm that Celik was indeed there, although the bullets fired at the Pope were Agca's," the judge said. "More than that, there were two Bulgarian diplomats close by with a getaway car: Ivan Dontchev, who was listed as cultural attaché, and Sotir Kolev, also known as Theodor Ayvazov." The subsequent acquittal by a Rome court of Bulgarian officials accused of involvement in the assassination attempt was "politically inspired".

The judge said that he could also shed light on the disappearance of Emanuela Orlandi, 15, the daughter of a senior Vatican official, on June 22, 1981, five weeks after the attack. She was never found.

He said that, after a flute lesson at the Pontifical Conservatoire, she had been kidnapped by Turkish Grey Wolves linked to the KGB "because they knew Agca was beginning to talk in captivity about the true extent of the conspiracy". He said the terrorists had offered to return the girl in exchange for Agca, who they intended to kill in order to silence him. But there had been no deal and Emanuela had eventually become "integrated" into an "Islamic community".

Agca had understood the threat posed to him by the kidnapping and had steadfastly maintained afterwards for public consumption that he had acted alone.

The judge added of the KGB-Agca connection: "You have no idea of the obstacles we encountered at international levels when we came to this conclusion, or the superficiality with which some key inquiries were conducted."

The Pope during a visit in Rome in 1983 to Mehmet Ali Agca, who had tried to murder him in 1981

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Annette Sorensen and her baby daughter, Liv, on their return to Copenhagen yesterday. The mother was given a conditional discharge after being accused of "endangering the welfare and physical wellbeing" of the girl

Bistro mother and baby go home

From Tunku Varadarajan in New York

THE Danish single mother who was arrested in New York a fortnight ago, for leaving her 14-month-old daughter in a pram on the pavement outside a bistro while she drank margaritas with the father, flew back to Denmark with her child yesterday after being ordered by a New York court to leave the United States.

Annette Sorensen was given a conditional discharge by the city's family court and put on probation after the police had charged her with "endangering the welfare and physical wellbeing" of her daughter, Liv.

The girl's father, Exavier Wardlaw, a 49-year-old squatter and playwright, still faces charges, including an accusation of disorderly conduct. His trial has been set for June 4. Yesterday, Mr Wardlaw's lawyer called the charges against his client "outrageous", saying that the police had "ripped his baby out of her mother's arms" when they arrested the couple.

The case of "little Liv" captured New York's imagination, while at the same time igniting a great deal of outrage in Denmark. Danes believed that the police had over-reacted to an extraordinary degree when they arrested Ms Sorensen and Mr Wardlaw for leaving Liv on the pavement. The parents spent two nights in jail.

The child welfare agency in New York City put the baby in foster care for four days before she was reunited with her mother. Commentators in Denmark queued up to point out that prams are left outside all the time in Copenhagen, and that Ms Sorensen was only doing what came naturally to her at home.

New Yorkers, however, reacted incredulously to the Danish dismay. In a city where even the dustbins are chained to railings to foil thieves, leaving a baby outside a restaurant on a busy city street amounted for many to a severe dereliction of parental duty. As a commentator pointed out in the *New York Post*, "the corner of Second Avenue where the baby was left is about as kid-friendly as a shark-tank".

Certainly, "cultural factors" appear to have played an important role in the whole affair. Ms Sorensen was unrepentant to the end, sticking doggedly to her assertion that she "would leave Liv outside in Denmark". Yet the baby's father, who lives in Brooklyn, appears not to have counselled Ms Sorensen against such Danish practices in a city which, by universal agreement, is a trifle less safe than Copenhagen.

Hong Kong seeks to extradite soldier

From Jonathan Mirsky in Hong Kong

HONG KONG officials are attempting to extradite from the United Kingdom a British soldier suspected of murder. They hope to allay the fears of citizens that if he escapes trial in the colony members of the future Chinese garrison who commit crimes here might also escape local laws.

"We are making every effort to get this man back," a spokesman for the British Forces here said yesterday. "We are aware of the enormous implications for after July 1."

On April 20 there was a fight outside the Pussy Cat Club in the Wanchai district. During the fight, Garry Tait, an Australian, was knocked unconscious. He died in hospital on April 29.

The suspect in the killing, Warrant Officer Barry Miller, a physical training instructor, returned to Britain on April 22 as part of the garrison's pre-handover withdrawal. The British Army insists it knew nothing about the case. Subsequently, a photofit of the suspect was circulated, and the British Forces spokesman said: "We recognised the picture and told the police."

Several possible witnesses, of the fight, also off-duty soldiers, who were due to return to Britain, have been kept in Hong Kong by the Army, but are carrying out normal duties. According to the spokesman, since Warrant Officer Miller was off-duty and is now in a different jurisdiction, the Army cannot order him back to Hong Kong. "He has all the rights of any other British citizen," the spokesman said.

Warrant Officer Miller has appeared twice at Bow Street Magistrates' Court and been bailed. Extradition papers will be presented in London on June 25 and, if he is sent back to Hong Kong, his trial is unlikely to occur before the handover to Chinese rule.

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Europe may fine Boeing $5bn over 'unfair' merger

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN BRUSSELS

Van Miert: adamant he will not back down

THE stage was set yesterday for a possible transatlantic trade battle after the European Commission set out its objections to a merger between the Boeing and McDonnell Douglas aircraft makers, and officials said that it could declare the deal illegal.

Karel Van Miert, the Competition Commissioner, was adamant that he would not back down in an offensive that eventually could lead to the EU imposing a fine of up to $5 billion (£3 billion) on the US company if the merger conditions were not revised, EU sources said. The deal, worth $15 billion, appeared to break EU law because it would give Boeing the lion's share of a market where the only other player was Europe's Airbus Industrie, according to the Commission. Boeing would be providing 84 per cent of the worldwide airliner fleet, compared with 60 per cent now, it says.

The commissioner's campaign against the deal has stirred anger in America and threatens to cast a shadow over a Hague summit next Wednesday between President Clinton and EU leaders. Mr Van Miert's action has also stirred some concern inside the Commission, where officials are worried that his stance is troubling efforts to forge smoother relations with Washington.

Mr Van Miert's latest exercise of the Commission's powers to vet deals anywhere that affect EU business competition has already led to a run-in with British Airways over its planned alliance with American Airlines. However, the seeds of a compromise that would end that dispute are emerging, the sources said.

Behind the row over Boeing is the American conviction that Mr Van Miert is acting to protect Airbus and overstepping his authority by interfering in a US business matter. The commissioner's EU officials are working in tandem with the US Federal Trade Commission, which is itself vetting the McDonnell Douglas takeover, but Brussels expects the US agency to give its approval. American officials in Brussels yesterday deplored Mr Van Miert's public statements in a case still under review. Boeing's lawyers are said to be collecting every comment by Mr Van Miert for use in court if the affair is not settled.

The Americans say that the Boeing merger will have little impact on the market because McDonnell Douglas has only about 6 per cent of airliner sales and has sold no planes in Europe for several years. Mr Van Miert's team cites a sheaf of figures to justify Europe's right to block the deal as it exists. Boeing would become the only plane-maker offering a full range of airliners and it would have all of the market for the biggest transports, it says. They are also worried about the commercial spillover from the new company's hugh production of military aircraft. McDonnell Douglas provides 56 per cent of fighter aircraft, they note.

The Commission is also upset by Boeing's recent contracts with American Airlines and Delta to act as their sole suppliers for 20 years. Mr Van Miert believes, the sources said, that it is hypocrisy for the Americans to preach the virtues of open competition while endorsing deals that lock out Airbus from big airlines for two decades.

If Boeing fails to offer a remedy, the EU could declare the deal illegal. That would enable it to fine the company up to 10 per cent of its annual turnover and to cause havoc for Boeing sales in law courts around the world.

Phil Condit, Boeing's chairman, said there was only one issue for Europe in the planned marger. "Does the combination of Boeing with McDonnell Douglas's commercial airplane unit have a restrictive effect on competition?" The answer was no, he said, becuase McDonnell Douglas's share of the market had fallen to 4 per cent while Airbus was providing 30 per cent of the fleet.

The EU is to deliver a final ruling on the deal in late July.

ARMANDO FRANCA / AP

A university student, framed by a hole in a banner, joins a demonstration in front of the National Assembly in Lisbon. About 1,000 students took part in the protest against the Portuguese Government's education policy

Communist 'ugly sister' dreams of happy ending to Marxist fairytale

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN VITRY-SUR-SEINE

FRENCH ELECTIONS

THE Communist Party could be thought of as the "ugly sister" of French politics that might — just might — get to go to the government ball, if the Cinderella Socialists emerge victorious in the approaching parliamentary elections.

The Socialists have formed an uneasy pact with the extreme left party, for without the support of the Communists — in second-round voting and in parliament — they have no chance of forming the next government. If, defying predictions, that comes to pass on June 2, France may have a Cabinet containing Communist ministers for the first time in 13 years.

The opinion polls and the gradual decline of the Parti Communiste Français over the last three decades make that prospect unlikely, perhaps even a fantasy, but as Robert Hue, the Communists' leader, strode into a campaign rally on the suburbs of Paris this week he exuded bonhomie, outrage and confidence in equal measure.

"A Communist vote is a vote of sanction against the Government, the strongest rejection of the unacceptable National Front," M Hue thundered.

With his short stature, impressive girth, bald head and a grey beard, he resembles nothing so much as Snow White's eighth companion; let us call him Commie, a strange combination of Grumpy, Happy and Sleepy.

The 300 Communist faithful assembled in a municipal gym here also reflected those characteristics: grumpy at the "devastations" inflicted on the working class by the Government of the Prime Minister, Alain Juppé; happy at even the faintest prospect of leverage over a Socialist-led government; yet oddly somnolent, suspended in history between a failed past and an uncertain future.

The Communists held 24 seats in the outgoing parliament and still attract around 10 per cent of the national vote. But for all its continued prominence in French political life, the party is a nostalgic fossil. Since its heyday in the Sixties and Seventies, when the party routinely attained 25 per cent, the party has steadily dwindled.

Since M Hue took over from Georges Marchais three years ago, the party has changed much. "Democratic centralism" — that grim euphemism for preventing debate on leadership decisions — may have gone, but much of the old party remains: including the hammer and sickle and the bitter internal disputes over the legacy of Stalinism. Its platform is a familiar one: massive taxes on the wealthy and companies, boosting the minimum wage, cutting VAT, creating 1.5 million jobs and stopping privatisation.

After the last parliamentary elections, one quarter of the Left's seats were held by Communists. After this election, the Socialist proportion is certain to rise dramatically, and the Communist Party is thus in the paradoxical position of wanting a Socialist victory, but one as narrow as possible to ensure it maximum influence.

The temperature in the gym rose steadily with the heat of M Hue's denunciations. Beneath large signs declaring "Défense de fumer", party loyalists puffed away and a steadily sickening pall of smoke enveloped France's perennial political rebels, still collectively longing for the happy ending to the fairy tale promised by Marx.

They, and that prospect, seemed to grow more hazy and distant by the moment.

Pressure on Kabila to choose Cabinet

FROM DAVID ORR IN KINSHASA

IF Laurent Kabila thought winning a civil war hard work, it was because he had never tried to form a government.

This was the wry observation of one Western diplomat as the self-declared President of the new Democratic Republic of Congo struggled last night to put together an interim administration in the wake of his victory over the ousted dictator, Mobutu Sese Seko.

Mr Kabila had vowed to announce a transitional government within 72 hours of his capture of the capital, Kinshasa, last weekend. But it soon became clear that he had another battle to fight after winning the war. Central to the problem has been finding a role for Etienne Tshisekedi, the populist opposition leader. Three times named Prime Minister and three time sacked during the Mobutu era, Mr Tshisekedi has been a thorn in the side of the victorious Alliance of Democratic Forces for the Liberation of Congo-Zaire.

Considered a self-serving opportunist by many in the rebel alliance, Mr Tshisekedi nonetheless enjoys widespread popularity, particularly in the capital. His supporters have been out in force, agitating for the appointment of their leader as Prime Minister. Mr Kabila was due to meet Mr Tshisekedi for talks yesterday afternoon in Kinshasa.

The arrival of rebel alliance forces in the capital was greeted with jubilation by the population. But Mr Tshisekedi's so-called radical opposition party, the UDPS, is insistent that it has also fought a long struggle, albeit a peaceful one, to unseat Mr Mobutu and his cronies.

If Mr Kabila leaves Mr Tshisekedi adrift on the political high seas, then he is unlikely to gain the consensus he needs for the daunting voyage ahead. If, however, he pulls him on board, Mr Kabila might find himself with a mutiny on his hands before port is in sight.

Four Royal Marines arrested by Congolese police after a confrontation with an angry crowd in Brazzaville have been released (Michael Evans writes). Ministry of Defence sources said that the crowd thought that Marines crossing the Congo River had stolen property. However, the allegations were based on "a misunderstanding", and the Marines were freed after the British consul in Brazzaville intervened.

Kohl plans to boost jobs in east

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

HELMUT KOHL, the German Chancellor, joined forces with union and employers' leaders yesterday to try to turn around the ailing economy of eastern Germany, which is keeping unemployment levels high and making it increasingly difficult for the country to stay on course for economic and monetary union.

The aim of the joint initiative, the Chancellor said, is to halt the loss of jobs in the east and create about 100,000 posts a year from next year. Unemployment is disproportionately high in the east, contributing 1.28 million to Germany's jobless total of 4.2 million. Officially, the eastern unemployment rate is 17 per cent, but experts calculate that in fact one in three east Germans is still searching for a permanent job.

The Chancellor, who presented his plan in Berlin with Dieter Schulte, the union confederation chief, has a four-point programme:

☐ Employers and unions in individual east German firms have declared their readiness to agree wage increases below the nationally agreed levels. Wage demands from the unions will be sensitive to the precarious financial situation of different employers.

☐ Companies will buy in more of their supplies from east German producers.

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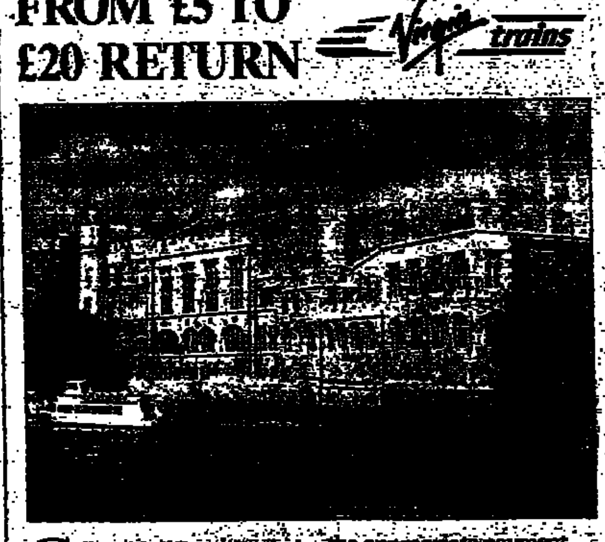

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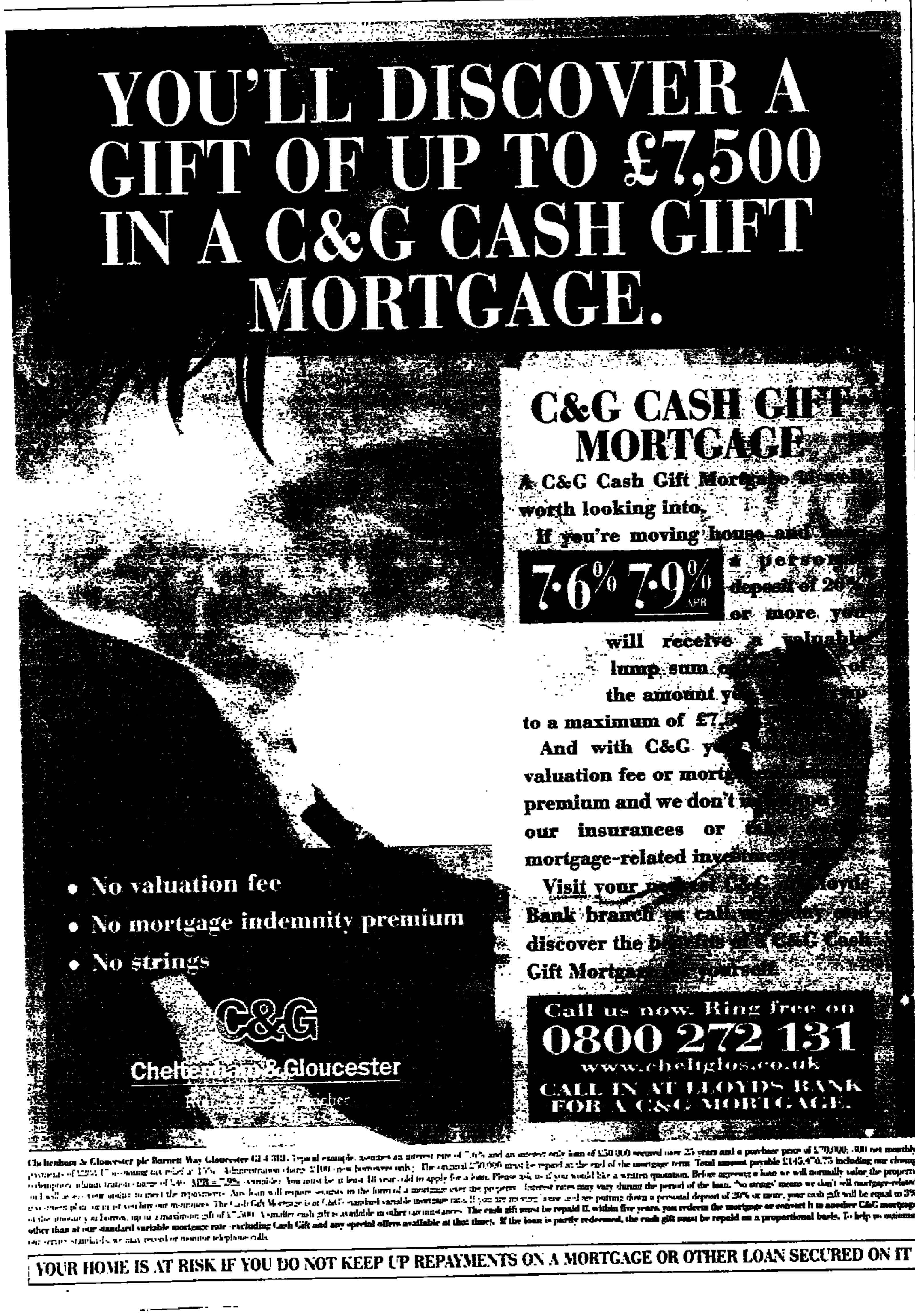

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Kremlin leader says he will personally supervise changes in military

Yeltsin sacks defence chief for failing to reform army

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN MOSCOW

A FURIOUS President Yeltsin yesterday sacked the Russian Defence Minister and the armed forces' chief of staff and vowed that other heads would roll if urgently needed military reforms were not introduced.

In an explosive, televised session of the Defence Council, the Russian leader shook with anger as he berated Igor Rodionov, the Defence Minister, for being lazy and incompetent during his ten-month tenure.

"I am simply not satisfied, I am outraged at the course of reform in the army and the state of the military in general," said the Kremlin leader, as he pounded the table with his fist and glared at Mr Rodionov, who stood head bowed in glum silence.

"You have done a bad job," he said. "You should be telling me today what you have done. You have nothing to say. Many of you will not be here if you proceed like this."

The outburst was triggered by the military's failure to introduce any real reforms, in spite of its disastrous campaign in Chechnya and its *failure to pay, equip or train* the demoralised 1.7 million men in uniform. Reformists in the Kremlin led by Yuri Baturin, the *main presidential* military adviser, have long advocated making deep cuts in personnel and turning the military into a Western-style professional army. Mr Yeltsin wants the reforms completed by the turn of the century.

However, the move has been resisted by the top brass, whose ranks would be the first to be cut and who argue that establishing a professional force would require additional funding, which the Government does not want to spend.

Mr Yeltsin is clearly livid, however, about the recent daily reports of corruption in the armed forces, which have led to the sacking of several senior officers and the imprisonment earlier this week of a Deputy Defence Minister.

"Soldiers get thinner and generals get fatter," said Mr Yeltsin, who is also Russia's supreme commander. "Generals have built dachas all over Russia. Generals are not interested in reorganising the army because they may lose their *privileges. They are the main* obstacle in implementing *army reforms.*"

Mr Yeltsin said he would personally supervise reforms in the military and he has *ordered that a report outlining* the reform process be ready for discussion by June 25.

"All government bodies *must work to promote* military reform," he said. "If a day passes when nothing has been done for the army, the day is lost."

The Russian President appointed General Igor Sergeyev, 60, the head of the strategic rocket forces, to become acting Defence Minister. *General Viktor Chechevatov,* 52, the former commander of the Far East military district and a long-time Kremlin favourite, was appointed as the new head of the general staff to replace General Viktor Samsonov.

Liberal politicians praised Mr Yeltsin for finally tackling *reform head on*, while opponents condemned the move as a further weakening of the country's crumbling defences.

Aleksandr Lebed, the former paratroop general and presidential hopeful, said Mr Rodionov had allowed himself to become the President's scapegoat.

Gennadi Zyuganov, the Communist Party leader, said Mr Yeltsin should be the one facing dismissal for "ruining the armed forces". He said: "The President has left the army without pay, without new weapons, without apartments. He got everything into a mess, but does not want to answer for it."

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Igor Rodionov, who was dismissed for ten months of "laziness and incompetence", although supporters claimed he had been made a scapegoat

Moscow cuts island garrison

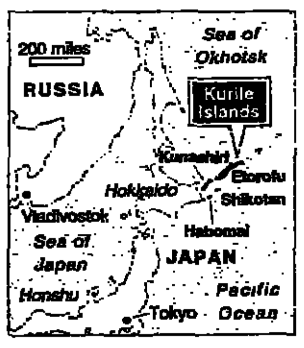
FROM REUTER IN TOKYO

RUSSIA will withdraw some of its troops from islands at the heart of a perennial territorial dispute with Japan, the head of the islands local government said.

Vladimir Zema, chief of the South Kuriles district, told Japanese reporters visiting the islands that the two army units in Kunashiri would be pulled out by the end of next month, *Asahi Shimbun* reported on Wednesday. The reporters were accompanying Tatsuya Hori, Governor of Hokkaido, on a visit to the islands. The dispute over the islands, called the South Kuriles by Russia and the Northern Territories by Japan, has prevented the two countries from signing a Second World War peace treaty. The stationing of 3,500 Russian troops in the islands has hindered talks between the countries. It was not clear if Russia would withdraw all the troops.

Kunashiri, Habomai, Shikotan and Etorofu, northeast of the northernmost main *Japanese island of Hokkaido,* were seized by Soviet troops in the closing days of the war. During a visit to Japan in 1993, President Yeltsin of Russia agreed to settle the dispute through dialogue and promised that he would withdraw troops from the islands, although he did not say when.

Last week, Igor Rodionov, dismissed yesterday as Russian Defence Minister, visited Tokyo and handed to Japan documents saying that Moscow had cut the troops in the islands to 3,500 by 1995, but he did not speak about more cuts. Yukihiko Ikeda, the Japanese Foreign Minister, will be in Moscow this weekend for talks with President Yeltsin.



Belarus and Russia prepare to sign watered-down union pact

FROM ROBIN LODGE
IN MOSCOW

PRESIDENT Lukashenko of Belarus flew to Moscow yesterday to put the final touches to a much-trumpeted charter of union between his country and Russia, which he is due to sign with President Yeltsin today.

Aimed originally at reforging the political, military and economic links that bound the two countries together in Soviet times, the agreement *has since beeen watered down* so much as to represent little more than a declaration of intent, which does far more to *highlight the discrepancies between* them than set any basis for union.

Even as far as intent is concerned, *Mr Lukashenko's* ideas are at variance with Mr Yeltsin's. The Russian leader has spoken of an eventual merger, under which Belarus would simply be absorbed by Russia in a new federation, much as it was in Tsarist *times. But Mr Yeltsin was* circumspect in his comments at the start of yesterday's talks. "We will agree on everything *that is necessary. We will not* make decisions that could contradict the interests of our countries and peoples," he said.

Mr Lukashenko was also uncharacteristically low-key, suggesting that his visit amounted to no more *than a* formality. "I have come to seal de jure what has already been achieved de facto," he said.

Swinging Swedes lose their libido

BY ROGER BOYES

THE rampant sex life of Swedes, one of the great myths of modern times, has taken a battering in the most comprehensive survey since the 1960s when the country was famed for its promiscuous couples and athletic "porno" stars.

According to the Stockholm Institute for Popular Health, more than half of Swedish men and women claim to be sexually dissatisfied, complaining of low libido, impotence and problems in achieving orgasm.

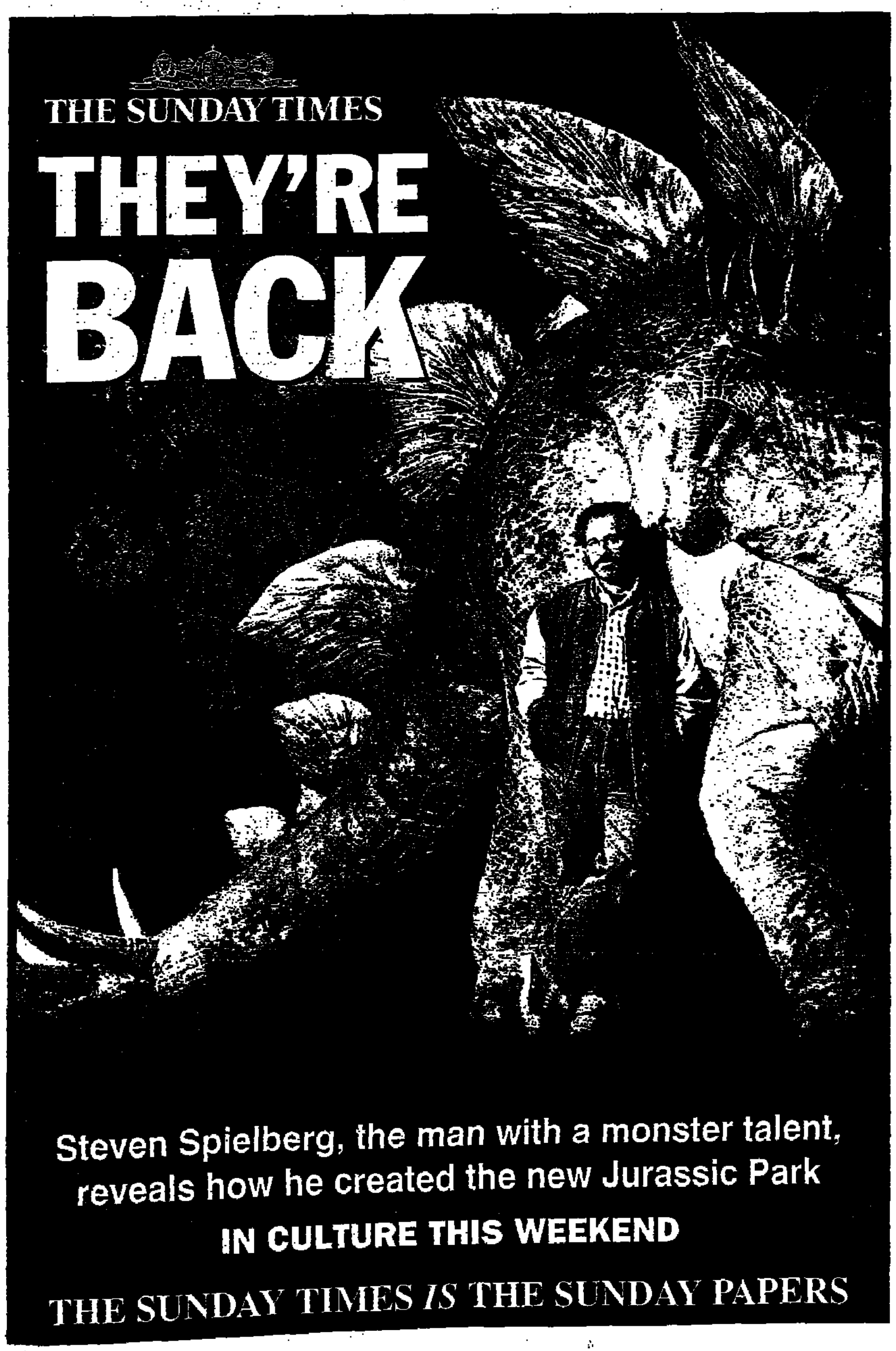
Only a quarter of Swedish women claim to have had an affair during their married lives and a third, well below the figures in the sex survey of 1967, of males admit to having committed adultery.

The average Swede has intercouse about six times a month, virtually unchanged since the 1960s, and some age groups, such as 31 to 35-year-olds, have sex less often than their counterparts in 1967.

The figures have come as a surprise to other European countries, such as Germany, which took the cue from Sweden to launch their own sexual revolutions.

Films such as *I Am Curious — Yellow* and, less memorably, *Three Swedish Girls on Ibiza*, contributed to an image of healthy blond people ready to get off their bikes and cast aside their inhibitions after the first aquavit. Now it seems that either the Swedish sexual revolution never existed, or it has *simply* fizzled out.

The comparative survey indicates that a third of all Swedish women have lost *all interest in sex. The* average number of sexual partners for a Swedish male is seven: for a *woman, five. And if the* Swedish film industry is to be believed, that number of partners could have *been the result of a fort*night's holiday rather than a lifetime.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Murder and a mother's anguish

The kidnapping, torture and brutal death of the 17-year-old daughter of a famous singer has shaken Taiwan and highlighted the country's gangster connections, reports **Jonathan Mirsky**

The torture and murder of a 17-year-old girl is threatening the stability of Taiwan's Government. In unprecedented demonstrations, tens of thousands of people have demanded an end to the escalating kidnaps and murders which reveal the links between the authorities and the island's gangsters.

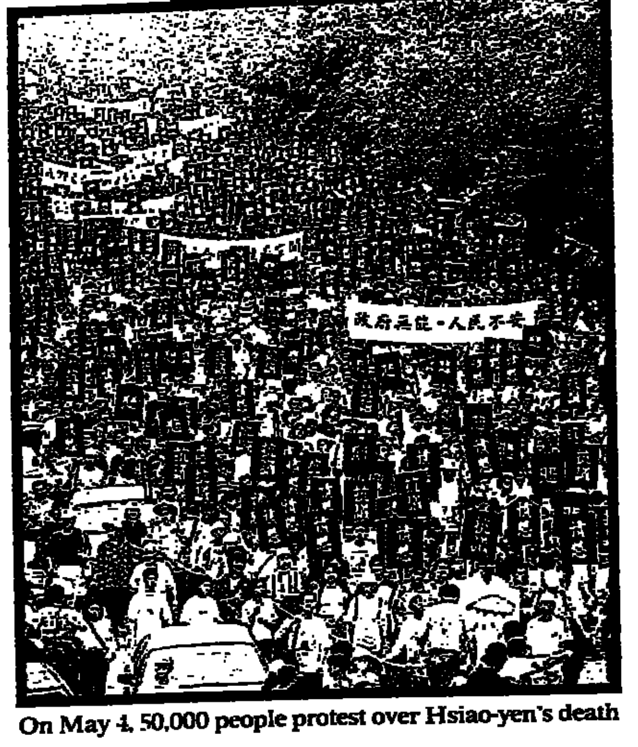
It is no wonder that women, parents, social workers and teachers are besides themselves, and that last Sunday 50,000 of them again took to the streets of Taipei, Taiwan's capital. Since 1992 the violent crime rate in Taiwan, with its population of 21 million, has tripled. There were 98 kidnappings, often of children, in 1995; 156 in 1996, and at least 40 this spring. Some of Taiwan's best-known people have been victims.

The kidnappings have been punctuated by murders. Last November Liu Pang-you, a county police chief, was at home with seven guests. All were killed, one by one, with single shots through their heads. In December Peng Wan-ju, a feminist and politician, was raped and murdered.

But what tipped the ghastly mess into the streets was the particularly brutal killing of 17-year-old Pai Hsiao-yen. She was the daughter of Pai Ping-ping, a famous singer and television personality, who now blames the Government, the police and the press for her daughter's violent end.

The 50,000 demonstrators last Sunday, were furious, shouting "murderer" and calling for President Lee Teng-hui to resign.

The authorities observe that they solve a majority of violent crime cases and that the police have been given the latest equipment. One chilling answer is that some of the most spectacular murders remain unsolved and many kidnappings go unreported because, as is almost invariably the case on Taiwan, families of kidnap victims pay up quickly and say nothing afterwards.


On May 4, 50,000 people protest over Hsiao-yen's death

This arrangement did not work with Pai Hsiao-yen. She was probably tortured and murdered within days of her disappearance but not before her captors sent her mother photographs of the half-naked girl bound and gagged, and others of a severed finger. They wanted a ransom of more than £3 million. It was never paid. There was a police fire-fight with suspected kidnappers who escaped, and on April 28 Hsiao-yen was found battered and dead in a drainage ditch, weighted down with chains and a hammer.

Ms Pai blames the Government for ignoring her daughter's plight. The police, she says, tried to persuade her not to pay the ransom and bungled the search. Taiwan kidnappers of the sort who snatched her daughter now rival the police in their technological expertise and can listen to police communications even if they are, as claimed, up to the American FBI's standard.

Ms Pai blames the press for breaking its code of not reporting kidnappings until they are over. In this case, she claims, they followed her everywhere, even using a helicopter, and from April 26 until April 28 there were hourly television stories.

During the terrible wait for news of her daughter, Ms Pai called on the Government to shift its attention from Taiwan's international position to domestic problems. President Lee's reputation was damaged by reports that he told his inner advisers that foreign affairs were indeed more important than a teenager's killing, and suggesting that the mother was part of a political conspiracy to discredit him.

Although President Lee soon called on Ms Pai with his wife to express their sorrow for the girl's death, it was too late. The public was furious. The President's secretary announced that Mr Lee took full responsibility for public safety, and apologised to Taiwan's people for not having acted vigorously enough in the Pai case and others.

It is the others, obscure compared with Hsiao-yen, that explain why the President's apology seemed paltry. In October 1995, a boy was snatched from his house in Kaohsiung, a city in Taiwan's south. After a brief telephone conversation with his mother, in which he begged her to pay his captors, the boy was never seen again. His mother says it took 18 months for the police to issue a missing persons' report.

And, just before Pai Hsiao-yen was kidnapped, a boy was seized in a Taipei suburb. The kidnappers demanded almost £800,000 but, probably panicked by the uproar attending Hsiao-yen's abduction, they killed the boy.

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Pai Ping-ping, left, who was sent a photo of a severed finger by the captors of her daughter, Pai Hsiao-yen, right

It is this kind of thing which caused the May demonstrations in Taipei. On May 4, 50,000 people went into the streets, one of the largest crowds ever not connected to election campaigns, during which competing parties are skilled at mobilising their supporters.

On May 8, Ma Ying-jeou, the former Justice Minister and then Minister without Portfolio, resigned, saying: "A series of recent crimes makes me feel deeply ashamed as a Cabinet minister." He accused many of his colleagues of putting private interests ahead of public ones, a reasonable charge in a country where hundreds of Nationalist Party elected officials have been indicted for criminal connections — but remain free.

President Lee declared last week, and again on Sunday, that Premier and Vice-President Lien Chan would leave office in July, and said he would shake up his Cabinet. But it is believed that Mr Lee is grooming Mr Lien to succeed him in the elections in the year 2000, and that the Premier's departure is not an actual sign of regret.

The Nationalists may not be in a position to win in three years. They hold a mere two-vote majority in the Legislature and could lose their overwhelming strength in local governments, where many seats were won corruptly. The kidnappings and murders have highlighted the ruling party's symbiotic relationship with gangsters, a link established in the 1920s when Chiang Kai-shek, who succeeded Sun Yat-sen as Nationalist leader, was sponsored by Shanghai's most notorious gangsters, the Ching Bang, or Green Gang.

"Everything is coming together," says Antonio Chiang, one of Taiwan's best investigative journalists and editors: "the police, corruption, a political power struggle, disappointment with President Lee, the gangster connections of the Nationalists and the accumulation of so many cases. It's a real threat to the Nationalist Party. It's not enough to apologise and reshuffle the Cabinet. We have 80,000 police and an FBI equivalent of 2,000 men. They've got the best modern technology."

Mr Chiang says there are two kinds of kidnappers:

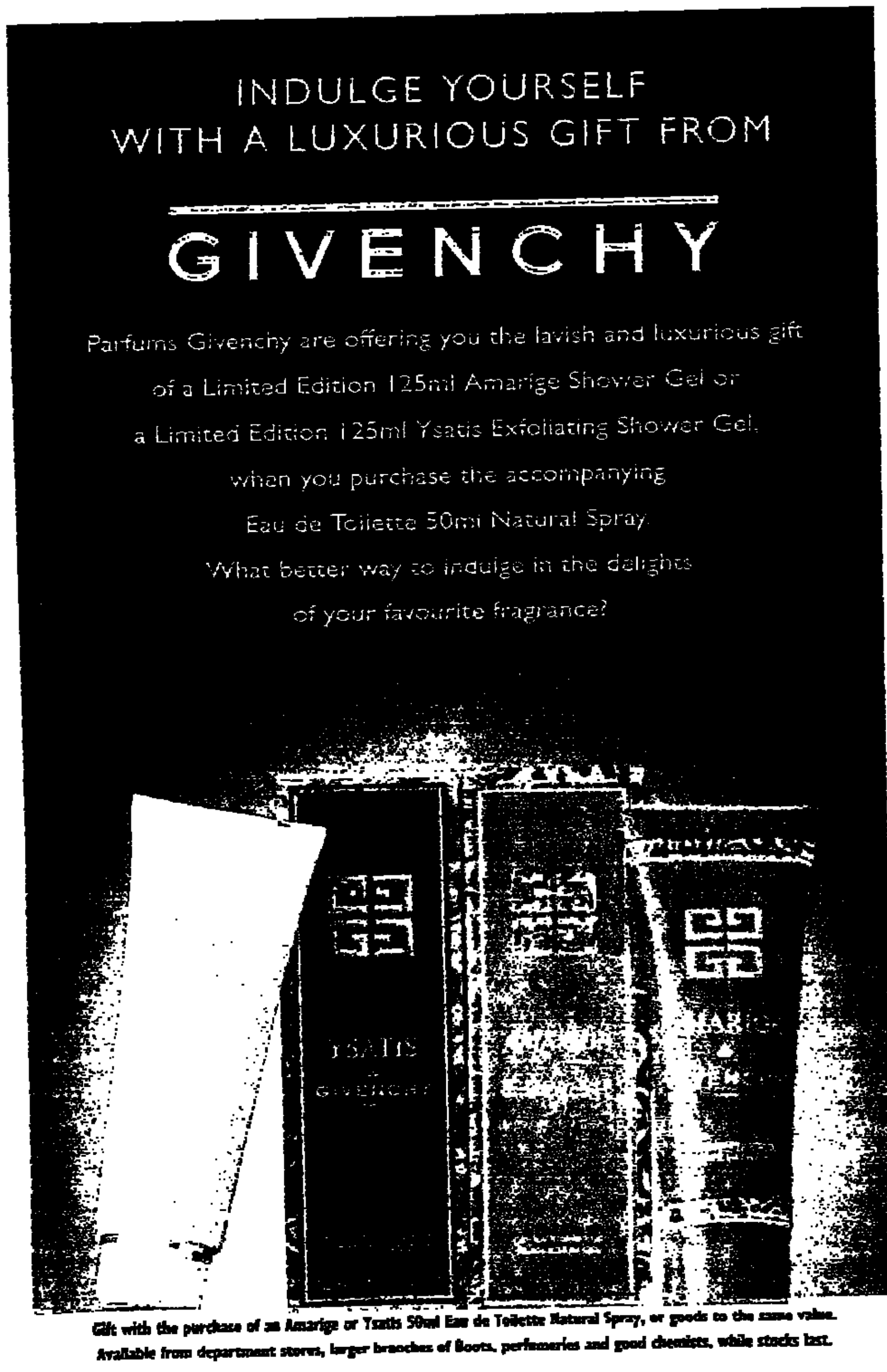
Pai: blames the Government

"Freelancers and professionals. Most of the real brutality comes from the freelancers. The professionals — 'men of honour' they call themselves — are disgusted by murders like the Pai girl's. They are volunteering to help the police."

The professionals, Mr Chiang says, wait for "contracts" from those wanting to make money from a kidnapping. They do the job quickly, wait to bargain with the family, do the deal, deliver the victim — usually alive — and then flee to the mainland, 100 miles across the Taiwan Straits, by smugglers' boats.

"It's the rich that the gangsters are after, and they know the families will pay without telling the police, whom no one trusts," says Jean-Pierre Cabestan, a French China specialist who lives much of the time in Taipei. "They think the police won't catch the kidnappers or, if they do, the victim will already have been killed. No one trusts the Government, either. They know that Pai Ping-ping went straight to her high-level friends in the Government when her daughter was kidnapped — and the girl was killed. Public opinion against the authorities is very hot."

Antonio Chiang sees what he calls "a dangerous game". The kidnappers, he says "tell the victims' families to go to such a street, such a river, such a mountain. Sometimes the police are tapping the phones. One victim, Wu Dung-jin, was from a very rich family. His wife knew the police were in the know and she did everything she could to put the police off the track. She paid and got her husband back. But around the same time that Pai Ping-ping's daughter was kidnapped, so was another girl. The family was willing to pay. But the gangsters panicked and killed her. At least they've been arrested. But the fact is the police are more interested in breaking the cases than the safety of the victims. Another fact is the gangster support for the ruling party."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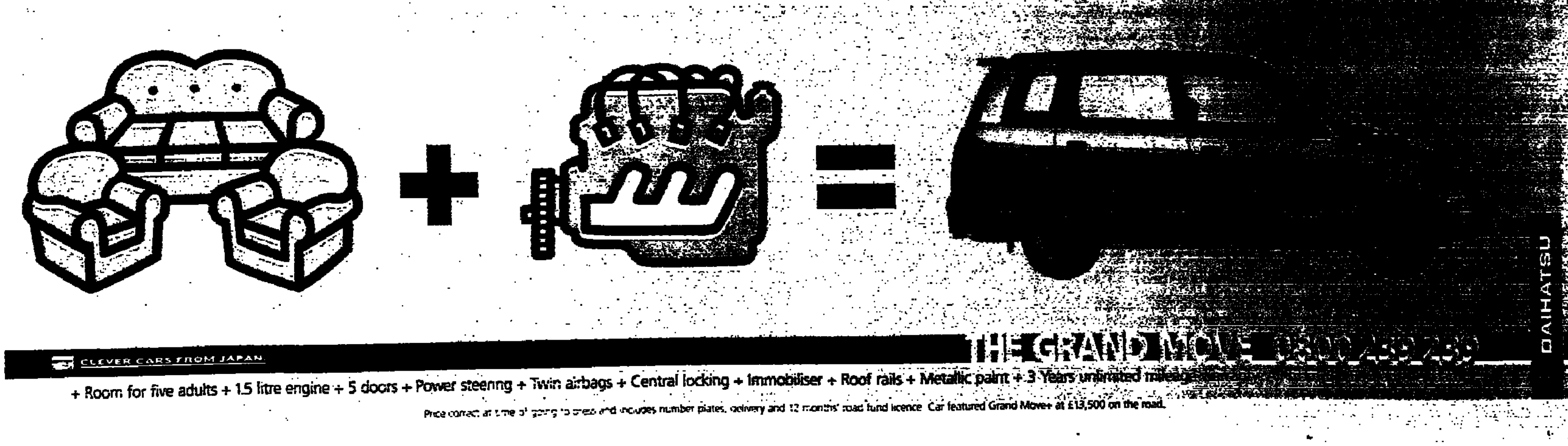
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That's why the Lady's had enough

The conflicting claims of battered wives and battered families left Lady Parker with no choice but to resign from a charity that she supported

THE VALERIE GROVE INTERVIEW

ALAN WELLER

"Some accusers recall being abused at six months. There isn't even a memory seat in the brain until you're about four. The memories before that come from adapting what you have been told"

The resignation of Lady Parker from Refuge, the estimable organisation that provides shelter for battered wives, is a rum business.

Gill Parker, wife of Sir Peter, a working GP for 35 years, the mother of four successful children, witty and well-connected, is an asset to a charitable letterhead, an adornment to a committee. Few charitable fund-raising events could match the flair and style of Lady Parker's Christmas concert and dinner in an old Battersea schoolhouse (home of her actor son Nat) in 1995.

She joined Refuge when it was still Chiswick Women's Aid, founded by Erin Pizzey 25 years ago when nobody questioned a man's right to knock his wife about. Refuge has long teetered on the brink of financial collapse. But Sandra Horley, its director, gathered patrons such as Diana, Princess of Wales, and Cherie Booth QC, whose fine speeches were vital, Lady Parker says, in raising the awareness of people who still think a woman "must enjoy it, or they would leave".

> 'They go along and destroy their families at a stroke'

Then, three years ago Lady Parker became trustee of another charity, the British False Memory Society, which she now chairs. False memory denotes the phenomenon whereby (usually) young women "discover" through therapy that they were sexually abused as children and, emboldened by their therapists, confront their parents with terrible accusations, allegedly dredged from the recesses of memory. This happened to a friend of Lady Parker's, a man who believes that his wife's death was hastened by their daughter's wild allegations.

There has been a phenomenal escalation in psychotherapy and counselling in recent years. "It comes straight from America, where you have a therapist as you might have a dentist; and it's very attractive to vulnerable young women, typically middle-class girls who can afford it.

"So along you go, with any kind of problem, anxiety or boyfriend trouble, and the pyschotherapist suggests that your father probably abused you. 'Tell me about your parents,' they say. 'Oh very nice, affectionate ...' 'How affectionate?' And if you say 'Nothing wrong', they say you're in denial, which is unanswerable, if you are emotionally weak. They haven't the confidence to reply 'No I'm bloody well not'. It all comes from Freud, this idea of repression.

And once you have been persuaded to say 'My daddy abused me', it escalates: you then say your mother colluded in the abuse.

"The psychotherapist says 'you must face your parents about this, and then you will be free, a survivor instead of a victim'. So they go along and destroy their families at a stroke. It is the most destructive thing." Volumes of confessional material such as *The Courage to Heal*, in which victims reveal fantastic childhood experiences: multiple rape, bestiality, satanic rituals etc, have now been published. There is also a respectable body of scientific literature pointing out the fallacy of such discovered memories, and questioning how a single diagnosis —unconsciously repressed sexual abuse in childhood — can have grown in a decade from virtual non-existence to epidemic frequency. It is invariably therapy-induced. It is deployed for a miscellany of complaints. And it invites patients to choose the victim role. (The notion of overcoming life's slings and arrows, the grandmotherly precept of "Rise above it dear" is out of style in the late 20th century.)

"People ask me: 'But how do you know those parents are not a bunch of paedophiles?' Nobody denies that there is sexual abuse, a very terrible thing. And there is such a thing as being in denial. People can forget or repress one big, awful trauma. But we have never met a case of a woman who has been sexually abused over a long period of time who has forgotten it," Lady Parker says.

"Some of the accusers recall being abused at six months old. Well, there isn't even a memory seat in the brain — the hippocampus — until you're about four. Almost certainly, the memories before that come from adapting what you have been told."

The British False Memory Society's director, Roger Scotford, is himself an accused parent. His advisory board includes figures such as Prof Larry Weiskrantz, Emeritus Professor of Psychology at Oxford, an authority on memory; and Professor Patrick Bateson, provost of King's, Cambridge. The society runs a telephone helpline and organises meetings and lectures. At last week's lecture by the American academic Frederick Crews, 200 people came.

Once accusations against parents are made, they are very hard to retract. "Some of our members say 'My daughter has sent me a Christmas card' or 'She's bringing her baby to see me' and we encourage them to keep the door open without insisting on an apology or a retraction first. But by that stage, the parents often say 'I can't see her again, unless she admits she was wrong'."

It certainly never struck Lady Parker that her work with false memory was incompatible with working for Refuge. But in February, Hilary Hannah, Editor of a magazine called *Women at Work* (its letterhead says "Part of the Thought Chain"), withdrew its support for Refuge after reading of Lady Parker's connection with false memory. She wrote to Sandra Horley, explaining that some people on her magazine were survivors of sexual abuse. Ms Horley wrote back dissociating Refuge completely from the work of the False Memory Society: some of her staff, too, are the survivors of sexual abuse, she explained.

Lady Parker reasons that both groups — the beaten wife and the falsely accused parent — need help. Rightly, she found the inference that her false memory work could be construed as condoning incestuous paedophilia rather chilling. She had no option but to resign in a state of gloom; and she was followed by two other stalwarts of the Refuge board, Lady Rayne and Lady Browne-Wilkinson.

"It seems that the committed feminist is honour bound to believe what a woman says. And I know that child sex abuse happens. But what about the mothers who are accused by their daughters? They are of the sisterhood, too. It is not controversial to say that the sudden spate of these accusations may not all be verified."

> I'm deeply sorry. The cause of Refuge is close to my heart'

Lady Parker had enough experience of listening to patients' woes as a GP, to discern when people were mentally ill and needed psychiatric help. She herself is emotionally robust, a role model for any working mother. As Gillian Rowe-Dutton, medical student at Oxford, she caught the eye of Kenneth Tynan one day. Smitten, Tynan sent her a note inviting her to tea. They were not an obvious match: Gill was a country girl, and "I felt there was nothing of the country about Ken at all, not a blade of grass." But soon their engagement was announced; Tynan made a habit of getting engaged. When she left him, he wrote her a long recriminatory letter, and another to her diplomat father. A row ensued, during which Tynan slapped her face "very hard". It was the only time she was ever hit by anyone.

Luckily, the dashing and more dependable Peter Parker hove into her life and they have been married for 45 years. With four adult children doing well — Oliver writing films, Nat soon to start filming *Far From The Madding Crowd*, Lucy running a company called Professional Presentations, and Alan running his financial PR outfit, the Parkers can be said to have come admirably through the trials of parenthood.

They have recently moved into a high-ceilinged Kensington flat, with a patch of lawn so tiny you could cut it with nail-scissors. (Her more famous Oxfordshire garden at Minster Lovell, about which she wrote a book, *The Purest of Pleasures*, is open on June 1.) The walls are covered in the drawings of William Blake, Sir Peter's passion. The flat was the scene of a spirited party on election night: Lady Parker has never voted anything but Labour and she feels invigorated by the sense of a new dawn.

In this uplifting atmosphere, it is all the more galling to discover that she cannot work on behalf of both battered wives and battered families. Must one area of good work cancel out the other? "I am deeply sorry," she says, "because the cause of Refuge is very close to my heart. But so are they both." Luckily, she does chair one other charitable committee: the Friends of Oxford Botanic Garden. That, at least, is unlikely to turn round and bite her on the shins.

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■ Do you need a microeconomic regulator? I do

We wish the upwardly mobile Howard Davies lots of luck in his new role as Censor of the City and Macroeconomic Maecenas. Not that he needs us. He will do the job better than the present regime of old-boy watchdogs, who are as blind as Argus and bark like a basenji, the Congolese hunting dog distinguished for never doing anything in the night-time: it cannot bark. Those City poodles are as thick as two short Jack Russells, to boot. (To boot is the only thing to do with Jack Russells in some yappenstances, but mind your ankles.) Even the Spice Girls would make more efficient regulators than the Old Lady of Threadneedle Street.

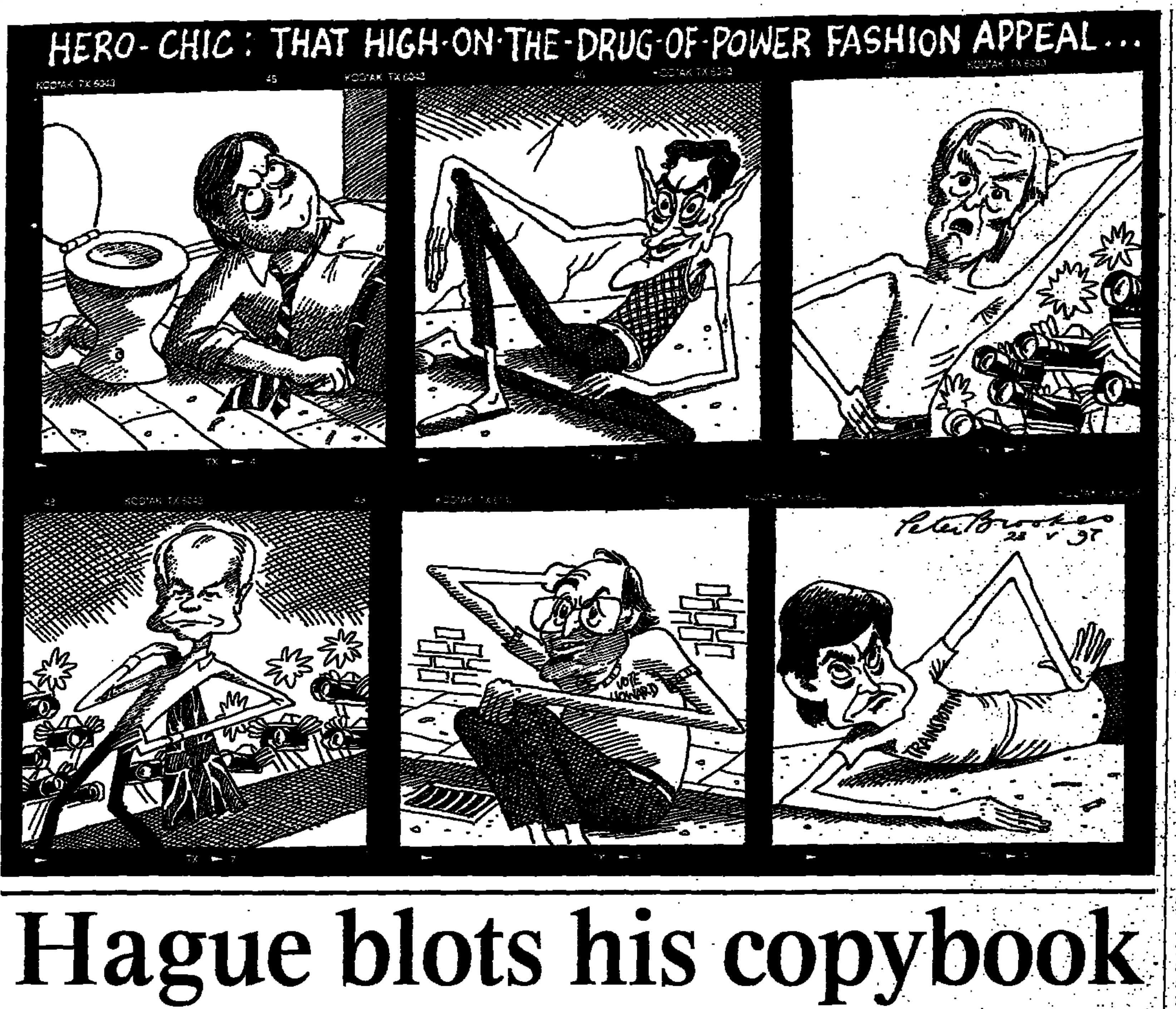
But however successful Mr Davies is, he is not going to make a difference to those who are not merchant bankers, utility fat cats or City sharks. What most of us need even more than a macroeconomic regulator is a microeconomic regulator, to help us with the financial and economic problems of everyday life. Such as the new do-it-yourself income-tax returns. These expensively customerised Inland Revenue books with question boxes in reddish colours are useless to those of us who are colour-blind. And the instructions on how to fill them in are as tedious as the instructions for contributors to the *New Dictionary of National Biography*. Who wants to read 80 pages of type for a job that will not earn enough to pay tax on, even if you could identify the box to tick? I blame Plato. He taught generations that what mattered in life was to be a philosopher-king, or at any rate a philosopher-princeling. And that form-filling, accountancy and economics were "banausic", that is working-class, trades.

While at the ballet, my attention wandered while the dancer was whirling around simulating Anna Andersen having a Freudian slip about whether she was really Anastasia Romanov. And my attention said: "You are skint. That means no money for scrummaging for overpriced drinks in the crush bar, thank the Tsar. Remember to draw some cash from the hole-in-the-wall tomorrow. And wouldn't it be a laugh if you had forgotten your pin-number, as Anastasia has, not surprisingly in the circs, forgotten her unhappy past?"

So I slept on it. And the pin-numbers danced round my head from ear left to ear right. And six of them kept on coming back, like the corps de ballet, in different sequence. So at dawn I inserted my plastic Open Sesame, and tapped in the numbers in various permutations. Jack Russells barked and tugged. The machine flashed "Wrong Number, Consult Your Branch" twice, and then swallowed the plastic. So I blubbed a bit, and then walked on manfully round the Serpentine, keeping Russells well clear of William and Mary and their new cygnets. And, of course, my pin-number came back as certain as the nine-times table by the Round Pond. Four numbers, not six.

But at least I still had a credit card, and £1.57 in small change in pockets and crumby crevices of my Puffer. Except that on Sunday, in Suffolk, I removed my wallet in order to play cricket, football and baseball better with small boys. And forgot to recover it before the homeward tide. And so there was no way to pay for a petrol fill-up at Hendon. All week I have been queueing for the Tube instead of sailing through with my season ticket. All week I have had to work laboriously through Wapping immigration instead of striding into the word laboratory with my passport. My bank branch is 450 twisted miles away in Ayrshire. The Circle Line was held up for an hour by a corgi on the line. Finances are not just parlous. They are as barren as a spin-doctor's soundbite.

So I need my microeconomic regulator to manage these banausic details of life so that I can get on with the Platonism of daily journalism. I was once given a personal organiser, but I left it on the Underground the same day while absorbed in the crossword. Perhaps some test-tube could clone Howard Davies so that each of us philosopher-kings could have our own personal regulator. This sounds like the Englishman's eternal nostalgia for the nursery discipline of a stern Nanny or Scottish Granny. But even if we each had a personal regulator, how could we manage to remember his pin-number and not to leave him on the Tube?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Hague blots his copybook

The rising hope of stern, unbending Tories has snubbed the man to whom he owes it all

Matthew Parris

The irony is delectable. In attacking John Major as a trimmer, William Hague has proved himself a trimmer. Calling for boldness because he was under pressure to look bold, he has shown a yellow streak I never knew he had. Perhaps Mr Major, believing Mr Hague must advance his prospects however he can, did not mind. I do not care. It was not courteous, it was not dignified, to speak as Mr Hague did.

Running scared from what people might say — that he was in sympathy with a former Prime Minister in whose Cabinet he had, until weeks ago, been happy to serve — he has confirmed the worst fears we might have entertained of him: that William Hague is just another ambitious politician, ready to fill the sails of his ambition with the wind of prevailing prejudice.

Using that speech on Wednesday to wound (but not quite, by naming John Major, to strike), Mr Hague reminded me of the classroom swot who pulls a face at an unpopular boy in order to ingratiate himself with the playground bullies. This does not foreshadow decisive leadership. For a 36-year-old newcomer to the world of political grown-ups to sully his campaign for the leadership with a sideswipe at a senior colleague who is still his leader, who leads with dignity, who has just endured one of the most difficult premierships in modern history, followed by a gruelling general election, and who must be downcast at its results, was cheap.

The logic — no, let us not spoil the word "logic" by lending it to the service of this spiteful little Tory leadership contest — the ploy is obvious: so obvious that even Tory MPs can see it. The rationale behind Mr Hague's denunciation of the leader to whom he owes his ministerial career is that thumbing his nose at John Major will make him new friends. He wants to ingratiate himself with Mr Major's detractors in the Conservative Party.

Take care, William. Remember what Mother said about pulling faces at people? If the wind changes while you're doing it, your grimace may stick. Well, the wind has just changed.

Why did he do it? Oh, it's all so depressingly feeble. Someone has whispered in Mr Hague's ear. "There's a little problem, William. Some of the lads are muttering that you are John's protégé. The phrase "son of Major" has been heard in the Commons smoking room.

"Now what you need to do [at this point, in what passes for a modern conversation about political principle, a pencil and paper are produced to sketch arrows and links and overlapping circles] is make a sort of . . . *growling* noise to please the people in *this* circle, but not loud enough to upset the people in *that* circle, hopefully bringing some of *this* circle into *your* circle, without moving *your* circle away from *that* circle."

Geddit? Just a little growl. Perhaps a word which may serve as a coded signal, such as "fudge" — or how about "moving fudge"? They'll guess what you mean. Lobby correspondents will tug your friends' sleeves and ask them to confirm it. And your friends will reply with something terribly subtle, such as "make of it what you will", tapping their noses and looking significant, like that clever Mr Mandelson who's done so much for the Labour Party.

"But what", asks Mr Hague, "will John think of me? I mean, what people whisper is true. He probably does support me. I was his protégé. He brought me on. For years he's been telling journalists how good I am. I owe him a lot. This is no way to show gratitude."

Ah, that's the problem, just what people fear, you see: that you're the anointed successor. Kiss of death. Which is why it's so important to knock the idea on the head. John will forgive you, for heaven's sake, William. He knows how this game is played. He'd probably prefer you to distance yourself from him, if it will help.

"But what about his supporters out there in the constituencies? All those nice old ladies who have taken a shine to me? They stayed loyal to him until the end. Am I not letting them down? What will they think, to hear me talking like this now?"

They'll wonder a bit, William. But if you don't actually mention John — just say "fudge" instead — they'll blame the BBC for stirring this up and give you the benefit of the doubt. They want to like you. You can say something nice in your acceptance speech. Once you're leader they'll eat out of your hands."

Oh how I hate this mean calculating thing we are learning to recognise as the new politics! They call it cunning, but it is so transparent. They call it clever, but it is stultifying. They call it effective, but it is self-defeating. We have arrived at the political equivalent of painting-by-numbers. Never mind the argument, never mind ideas, courage, imagination: listen to the focus groups, join up the dots. Study the instructions and note which squares need to be coloured slightly pink, and which slightly blue and which left blank. Apply the necessary shadings — and lo! you have a portrait of yourself in the purple of leadership!

This is the politics to which, over seven years, John Major was forced to descend. He made the descent with skill, with a flimsy majority and the pistols of the Bastards at his back, and a constant need to keep a working administration working; he had to. A Euro-friendly nod here, a Eurosceptical curse there. A kiss for Lady Thatcher and a pat on the shoulder for Ted Heath. A late-night burning of the lamps as the last tortured touches were made to the vacuous formulae by which he might stitch his mutinous crew together for one more vote.

And he always did. Another day was won. But something was lost. "Fudge", dear William, was not the problem. Every leader needs fudge when disclosing his hand imperils the mission. Should you become leader, we will not mind if you fudge from time to time. Indeed, we trust you know how to. But in the integrity of the mission, in the integrity of the missionary, we have to believe. Somewhere along the way, humiliated by the need to keep his ear always to the ground, John Major lost personal credibility. If you, William, are now to bow to our every whim; if you are to say things to please phantoms and unsay things to please phantoms; if you are to play King of the Kids; if you are to advance, not with your fists raised for battle, but with a moistened finger held up to the wind of backbench opinion — then what is to choose between you and Michael Howard?

The next leader of the Conservative Party must brave slings and arrows of every sort, but one advantage over his predecessor will be his. He will not need to cobble together daily coalitions within his own party to win votes. The arithmetic ceases to matter. Bill Cash, Teddy Taylor, Teresa Gorman . . . these phantoms have lost their power to torment and interest in them wanes. The next shepherd does not need to round up every last sheep for every last vote. This confers on him the opportunity to stride ahead.

What I believe the parliamentary party is now looking for is someone who will tell them what to do. In their hearts — and whatever they say to journalists — they seek command more than they seek any particular set of commandments. They will prize the quality of the demands made by any leader more than they will prize the concordance of his own opinions and theirs. They will respect a candidate for the leadership if he were to tell them he was proud of the last Government's record and would have no truck with recriminations over the past.

They will respect a candidate who has the intellectual confidence to stand up to them when he thinks they are wrong. They will argue with him — but within the cover of the folded ballot paper they may also vote for him. If I believed Mr Hague had long groaned under the lash of a Cabinet with which he was all out of accord, that he had always believed John Major should declare his hand on Europe and split his Government, then I would respect him for saying so now — although I would have respected him more for not accepting office in that Cabinet.

But I do not believe it. I think Mr Hague said what he said on Wednesday because somebody told him it was a way of securing support from a faction from within the party. Sod them William! And — who knows? — if you had been brave enough to tell them so, some of them might even have voted for you.

Full steam ahead for HMS Euro

John Lloyd urges Blair to enter EMU in the first wave

The parcel has been passed, and the music has stopped. The largest question in British politics is in Labour's hands now. Will we, and when will we, join the economic and monetary union? Labour has already changed the question by narrowing it. The question is no longer if, but when. Tony Blair has made this clear; Gordon Brown, the Chancellor, has made it clearer; Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary, has acknowledged it. We know they differ in their views, but the line can be held without problem.

So the readiness — or unreadiness — is all. Are we ready to enter? No minister will do other than parrot the line: they have much to do, and the decision may not yet have been made. No one has any interest in dispelling the view that entry in the first wave, beginning January 1999, is other than a very long shot.

But a little wind is blowing in the opposite direction. It is worth looking at what straws are being blown by it.

The Government is at pains to be Euro-friendly. Blair will go to Nordwijk today to meet his fellow EU heads of government to be fêted, to be flattered and to flatter. He will tell them that Britain's signing of the social chapter does not mean that we will continue to import uncompetitive labour practices — but he will say it in a constructive fashion, as a friend within rather than an enemy without — and he will find some agreement, too. At the final meeting of the inter-governmental conference in Amsterdam next month, he may reach a deal with the others that allows Britain to keep control over its borders while the others agree to common control; he already has a better chance of doing this than his predecessor. Friendliness and style have their limits. But they count for something.

Tony Blair's most significant appointment to the Government from outside of the ranks of Labour MPs was Sir David Simon, the former head of BP, now Minister for European Trade and spokesman on Treasury matters in the Lords. Simon is on the Europhile wing of British business: in an essay published earlier this year by the Centre for European Reform, he wrote that "as members of the monetary union, we would have the opportunity to rebuild our competitive strength, to hone our confidence and to enter the next century with optimism grounded in reality — rather than in an uncertain mood steeped in nostalgia".

His former colleagues in the CBI are now being asked what they think about entering a monetary union. The exercise continues, but early indications are that they strongly favour it — and favour entry in the first wave. The TUC is already officially committed to early entry. It matters less: a senior official muttered to me earlier this week that it would be better if the unions opposed it, in which case the Government might join to show that it is independent of the unions. One can see his point, but he is wrong: the TUC's position will reassure old Labour, and old Labour is far from insignificant in the Government.

It now seems likely that monetary union will not merely go ahead, but will include almost everyone who wishes to be in. The decision by the Germans to revalue their gold reserves in order to meet the entry criteria may be creative accounting, but if so, it puts them in the same league as the Italians and the Spanish. Germany can hardly argue for the exclusion of the Latins if it is prepared to unbend to such an extent. The indications are that it is coming round to accepting the inevitability of Italian and Spanish entry: if so, and if we were to remain outside, we would be left with perhaps only the Scandinavian states for company.

Reports of Gordon Brown's speech to the CBI on Tuesday were swamped by his earlier announcement about stripping the Bank of England of its regulatory authority; but it was a fascinating speech. He sought to redefine Britishness as fair, enterprising and above all outward-looking and self-confident — in explicit contradiction to what he saw as the narrow insularity of the Thatcher and Major years. He underlined the necessity of Britain's commitment to Europe: "We are in for the long term; we are in to stay." Britain, he said, could not revert to being part of a free trade area; nor could it become a European Hong Kong. A decision on monetary union "needs to be taken on the basis of intelligent, well-informed debate among all our people." He commended the CBI for conducting a consultation on EMU which, he knows, will recommend early entry.

Mr Brown is incomparably the most powerful minister in the land after Mr Blair. The early shape of the Government is two-plus-two: that is, Messrs Blair and Brown first, Robin Cook and Jack Straw as big players in the next circle, with Peter Mandelson constructing a new role and John Prescott set to prove himself.

The little breeze whispers in Mr Blair's ear "Do it now". Now, when the national mood is with you. Now, when the Conservatives are riven and squabbling. Now, when Britain's competitiveness and economic standing is so high. Now, when the monetary union is not an election issue — as it may prove to be if we wait for a second round.

Do it now! Write history in bold strokes while the hand is relatively free! It is a temptation. The traffic may not be able to bear it: the press has not been squared: the people are not prepared. It is a long shot, still. But it runs, still.

THE TIMES DIARY

Heath fire

LIGHT shines at last on the complicated financial affairs of Sir Edward Heath. He has been paid nearly £400,000 for his memoirs. Last week, it emerged that Hodder Headline had bought the still unfinished work, but as news of what it has paid crept out, even publishing's doughtiest lunchers found themselves pushing away their *crème brulée* in shock.

Ever since he was forced out of office in 1975, Sir Edward has toyed with the idea of his memoirs as if it was a prawn ball at a Chinese banquet. In 1985, he signed a deal with Weidenfeld. Nine years on, a few documents had been assembled down at Sir Edward's Salisbury home, but the typewriter lay quiet and the deal quietly evaporated.

Then in 1994, a team of young Heathites was assembled under the former *Daily Telegraph* gossip columnist Charles de Lisle to reconstruct the former Prime Minister's life, from yachting and conducting to Westminster and the art of leaving blanks in the Register of Members' Interests. A 60-page synopsis was presented to publishers at the end of March, and the bidding began.

In no time, the price had shot beyond the £250,000 estimate. "It was the best synopsis we have ever seen," said Roland Philipps, Hodder's non-fiction publishing director. He promises the book will be huge, though rivals expect it to be a slow-burner, selling steadily for years, rather than an instant hit.

Oasis

THERE'S little chance of the Prince of Wales being caught out by a hosepipe ban at Highgrove this summer. He has spent thousands of pounds installing a computer-operated drip-watering system for his veg patch and borders.

Buckingham Palace is reluctant to comment on the specifics of the irrigation system, but some details emerge in this month's issue of the Prince's magazine, *Perspectives*.

Among beneficiaries of the up-market sprinkler will be the Prince's vegetables, planted in consultation with the royal chefs. They include ornamental lettuces, the purple Brussels sprout *Falstaff*, some 18th-century carrots which are coloured purple, white and yellow, and a substantial quota of potatoes.

The Prince also turns out to be one of the few gardeners to persevere with the notoriously difficult Highland Burgundy Red potato. But with a watering system estimated by experts to have cost some £30,000 to lay, his spuds should be safe this year.

Unfinished

AN INVITATION has arrived at Conservative Central Office for Charles Lewington, the dearly departed head of press. It is from "The Public Relations Finishing School", an outfit which organises seminars such as "How to Handle a Crisis" — theory and practice — with talks on how to keep negative press coverage to a minimum, organise crisis press conferences and what to say when things go wrong, "how to get 'good news' in the press", and "how to get coverage for un-newsworthy products".

All this might have been more useful about two months ago.

No Khan do

DUTY comes before pleasure for Jemima Khan, wife of the former Pakistan cricket captain, who is in Lahore with her friend Diana, Princess of Wales, for the launch of a £17 million campaign in aid of Imran's charity cancer hospital.

On Friday, she failed to show up for a party at the Goldsmith family home in Ham, which she was supposed to be co-hosting with her friend Laetitia Cash, drama queen and daughter of the Eurosceptic MP William.

Laetitia Cash and the absent Jemima

"It was a bit disappointing," said one of her many invitees, "she had hoped to be there but I think the charity launch happened sooner than she had expected. She wanted to see her father in France before she went back to Pakistan, so she couldn't be at the party."

Laetitia apparently took her friend's absence in poor humour. Highly strung as a result of the pressure of hosting the party, she inevitably became more and more agitated. By the end of the evening she could have been forgiven for throwing the odd *vol-au-vent*.

● In the turmoil of Kinshasa at the weekend, the British were an oasis of civilisation. When the press corps turned up on the manicured lawns of the Embassy to ask whether the Ambassador would recognise Laurent Kabila's newly named Republic of the Congo, a diplomat replied: "Good God man, the Foreign Office can't possibly decide that — it's a Sunday."

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DUTCH AUCTION

The Prime Minister should be wary at Noordwijk

Tony Blair will be warmly greeted and gently treated at Noordwijk today. He and his Government have done much to earn the warm greeting; the Prime Minister arrives at his first European summit bearing gifts which go well beyond the symbolic.

Gone, for a start, is Britain's Maastricht opt-out on the social chapter, opening up fresh prospects for EU labour legislation under the heading of "working conditions". Gone too are Tory hints of a "London ambush" next year, when Britain assumes the European Union presidency in the vital months when the decision on monetary union is taken. In its place is Robin Cook's promise, reinforced by the actions of Gordon Brown, to do all that Britain can to ensure a smooth EMU launch.

Britain's partners are also more optimistic about the prospects for concluding an Amsterdam treaty revising the Treaty of Rome next month — the subject of the Noordwijk summit. In Britain, the spin doctors may be justified in underlining just how tough the Government is going to be, on a common EU defence policy and on Britain's insistence on a "cast iron" exemption from plans to centralise control over the EU's external frontiers, immigration and asylum and to abolish internal border checks. On both these important fronts, Mr Cook's stance so far is the same as that of Malcolm Rifkind, his predecessor; but, lacking John Major's alibi of a backbench Commons in revolt, Mr Blair may find the bargaining endgame harder.

These arguments are unlikely to come to a head today, partly for lack of time and partly because Britain's partners are so delighted by the Blair appetisers that they will be careful not to pour vinegar all over the main course. But the Prime Minister will be pressed to endorse treaty language committing governments to make the EU a "zone of freedom, security and justice". With such vague aspirations do profound changes in EU structures begin. The Dutch presidency draft commits governments to giving the Commission a role in the hitherto intergovernmental realm of justice and home affairs within three years, and to the abolition of all internal frontiers within five. Until the small print is agreed, Mr Blair should resist the grand phrase — above all since a Government that has been prepared to relinquish one British opt-out will be under continuing pressure to "renegotiate" any opt-out it may secure at Amsterdam.

Mr Blair's problem is that his colleagues may be unprepared to take no for the real answer. They have been powerfully struck by the novel spectacle of Britain actually being ahead of other countries in offering specific concessions in these negotiations — notably by announcing at this stage that it is ready for majority voting in EU councils on the environment, regional policy, research, anti-fraud measures and industrial policy. The Government is also expected to agree to the inclusion of employment promotion as a treaty-based EU objective, with surveillance of each EU state's performance on the lines of existing EU scrutiny of deficits.

The Government's strategy is to be flexible on what it sees as secondary questions, the better to argue its corner on matters of vital national interest — which apparently, and inexplicably, do not include a treaty amendment to end the scandal of quota-hopping by Spanish fishermen in British waters.

"Tough love" was also Mr Major's strategy when he first became Prime Minister. Mr Blair's luck could be better, for one reason: Helmut Kohl is resigned to compromise on virtually everything at Amsterdam, provided he is convinced that EMU is safe. Mr Blair has given him that assurance; but he has yet to explain why he is so keen to assist the chances of a project about which the British electorate has profound misgivings, and on which it has yet to be consulted in the promised referendum.

A TOUCH OF HUBRIS

Success has gone to the Chancellor's head

Six days after Labour won the election, Tony Blair summoned his MPs to Church House to tell them that he would not tolerate arrogance: "We are not the masters. We are the servants of the people." Labour, he said, approached the business of government with a "sense of humility". Just a fortnight later, that advice seems to have been forgotten by his closest colleague.

It is possible to understand the haste with which the Chancellor announced the independence of the Bank of England. Markets had to be reassured soon after a Labour victory. But for Gordon Brown to tell Eddie George only the day before he told the world that City regulation was to be revolutionised, with banking supervision taken away from the Bank of England, was a serious breach of common courtesy — particularly since the Governor had been informed that such a move would take place only after prolonged consultation. That Mr George considered resigning comes, therefore, as no surprise.

Indeed Mr Brown is very lucky that his peremptory behaviour did not force Mr George out. It is only because the Governor is such a conscientious public servant that he decided to stay in his post. He knew, as Mr Brown would surely have realised with a moment's thought, that his resignation would have wiped out the credibility gains that the granting of independence had achieved only the week before.

But to behave badly on the assumption that the victim can be relied upon to behave well is not just bad manners. It is a dangerous calculation for a politician to make. The Chancellor seems not quite to have grasped the difference between Opposition and Government. In Opposition, as Mr Blair pointed out on the steps of Downing Street, politicians can only say, not do. And their words have few real consequences. In Government, their actions have effects that must be thought through in advance. Whether or not Mr Brown likes Mr George, whether or not he intends to renew his tenure next year, the Chancellor can ill afford to lose the Governor now.

In Opposition, Mr Brown and his team clearly enjoyed using the weapon of surprise. They liked grabbing headlines with unexpected policy shifts, sometimes to the discomfort of colleagues who learnt about them no earlier than the press. Now they boast of "decisiveness" and "the smack of firm government". Having basked in the success of their early Bank of England announcement, they seem to have become carried away on a wave of machismo.

There were even suggestions from government sources yesterday that Mr George was "playing into our hands" by complaining. This, it was said, would make it easier to have him replaced. If the Government is unhappy with Mr George as Governor, it should say so publicly, not in a whispering campaign. If the Chancellor wants to sack his Governor, he should do so. If not, he must back him volubly.

Operational independence has to be accompanied by trust and a certain security of tenure. Otherwise, the independence either will lead to squabbles or it will be a sham. Mr Brown should try to mend fences with the Governor. He might even offer a private apology. In the spirit with which this Government was elected, a little modesty and humanity would not now go amiss.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

The *Good University Guide* offers a diverse menu

Life imitates not only art but sport. Not content with crushing the Dark Blues in the Boat Race for five years in succession, Cambridge have repeated the trick in *The Times* league table that we publish today. Nor in this case can Oxford claim they have been outflanked by creeping professionalism or unfair foreign imports. Although the battle between the ancient universities claims much of the attention, the overall results speak volumes about the present state of higher education in Britain.

Such an exercise was almost impossible a decade ago. League tables were little known and the idea little loved among academics. Since then they have proliferated both in number and sophistication. Our exercise this year includes no fewer than eight separate indicators of university performance. That will not, of course, prevent many outside the city of Cambridge claiming that the whole concept is still fundamentally flawed or that we have excluded some obscure but critical element which — coincidentally — would boost the standing of their own institution.

Guides are no more than that. But decisions concerning higher education have consequences for the taxpayer as well as personal cost for the individual concerned. Despite some recent shift in resources, Britain still spends a relatively high proportion of its education budget in this area. That in part is due to our continued willingness to allow prospective students a wide choice of locations for study. Other countries provide strong financial pressures to register at the most local establishment. In an era of mass higher education, and a vast array of universities, an informed choice is crucial.

A further advantage of information is the capacity it allows for comparison across time. Universities as a whole have seen more modernisation over the past five years than the previous fifty. That has placed considerable strain upon the entire system but produced rewards as well. Some institutions have seen a spectacular improvement in their research or teaching quality. In our own league table, Glasgow Caledonian, a new university, has climbed 28 places since last year while Keele, a rather more familiar institution, shot up 25 slots. Vigorous competition for students must be a major factor behind such dramatic results.

This can hardly be cause for complacency. The issue that should concern Baroness Blackstone, the new higher education minister, and Sir Ron Dearing as his committee conducts its review, is how Britain's universities would compare in an international survey. The evidence there remains mixed, although the results of the last research assessment exercise were encouraging. The global challenge is as important for Cambridge and Oxford as it is for less prestigious bodies. Light and Dark Blues may remain on top for the moment. But, unlike the Boat Race, neither at home nor abroad is the contest restricted to two participants.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Labour's promises on mental health

From the Chief Executive of SANE

Sir, It is disappointing that the new Labour manifesto contained no mention of mental health reform, and the Queen's Speech did not mention it. Yet in February 1996, Alan Milburn (then shadow health minister and now Minister of State at the Department of Health), after discussion with SANE, put forward in a press statement a four-point emergency plan on mental health.

This called for a halt to further psychiatric bed closures until appropriate community services have been developed; action to address staff shortages; immediate implementation of the "Care Programme Approach" in all parts of the country; and a change in mental-health funding so that over time money goes where it is most needed. We welcomed this initiative and supported the call for immediate action. Nothing has happened.

Mr Milburn, at that time, said:

> Mismanagement [of mental health policy] has caused a crisis of public confidence and shattered mental health staff morale. Time and again Government has been warned that radical changes are needed to mental health laws and policy.

The first step is to ensure that there is an effective moratorium on psychiatric bed closures so that the present disgraceful position does not become worse. In the last ten years almost 30,000 beds have been lost, with the result that desperately ill people are denied treatment and are left wandering the streets. One in seven people with serious mental illness takes their own life.

This charity, with others, has been calling for a complete revision of mental health legislation and services because they no longer serve the best interests of sufferers, their families and carers or the general public. The primary legislation, the Mental Health Act (1983), was drafted long before current bed shortages or community care.

We expect the Government to stand by the urgent action it promised on mental health reforms. Do not let mental health become lost again — make it top priority. Unless something is done tragedies we hear about every day will continue.

Yours faithfully,
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From Chairman of the League of Overseas Pakistanis

Sir, In your leading article of May 19 you rightly state "The allegations against Mr [Mohammed] Sarwar are, primarily, for the police to investigate ... any case to answer must in law be heard in the courts not Parliament". However you also suggest that Mr Sarwar should be suspended by the Labour Party National Executive Committee.

Today's leading article goes further than merely suggesting suspension. You urge suspension, saying: "It is not good enough to leave investigations to the police."

The Labour Party NEC can be trusted to deal with this matter in a befitting manner. If Mr Sarwar is found guilty by them and is suspended from the Parliamentary Labour Party, so be it. Right-thinking British Muslims will not feel that he is victim of what you describe as "Islamophobia".

However, trial by media and fixing of guilt even before police or the Labour Party have investigated the allegations would affront many British Muslims.

Yours faithfully,
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Lunch that fits the bill

From Mr George Chowdharay-Best

Sir, I am no doctor but, as the holder of a degree in physiology, I find Dr Stuttaford's views on lunch (Body and Mind, May 15) highly questionable.

Do normal human beings in good health really need three meals a day? The case is unproved. Dr Stuttaford admits that people should ideally rest after meals so as to enable the digestion process to begin without placing too great a strain upon the heart; but he does not explain how in practice busy and active people can find the time to do so.

It may be true that women need to eat little and often, but men have not had time to evolve physiologically from being hunter-gatherers; and whilst fluid during the day is essential, solid food is not, and may be an obstacle to activity especially if it is of the school-meal type, as the doctor recommends.

Moreover, it is not in practice possible to limit luncheon in the manner he proposes; such things do tend to go on, especially if a journalist is entertaining and footing the bill. My advice to ministers is to heed the remark of a former Lord Lucan: "Anyone who eats more than one meal a day is digging his grave with his teeth."

Yours faithfully,
G. CHOWDHARAY-BEST,
47 Walpole Street, SW3.
May 15.

Anomalies in devolution proposals

From Captain J. G. Ferrie, RN

Sir, The new Government now aims to press ahead with its plans for a referendum on Scottish devolution. I believe that the Cabinet should reconsider its decision that only residents should be permitted to vote in that referendum.

I am a Scot who left home to join a United Kingdom public service and have subsequently only had one appointment in Scotland. Should not I, although now resident in England, be more entitled to vote than any English or Welsh person temporarily resident in Scotland, perhaps at the behest of an employer?

If identifying and enfranchising the Scots outside Scotland but still within the United Kingdom is too difficult for those planning the referendum, the Government might arrange to seek the views of the entire United Kingdom population. The result might well prove instructive.

Yours faithfully,
J. G. FERRIE,
1 Barnfield Way,
Batheaston, Bath, Somerset.
May 20.

From Mr John K. Laurence

Sir, Like the Prime Minister, I am of Scottish descent and attended a Scottish fee-paying public school in Edinburgh. And like him I have earned my living in England. Presumably neither of us will have a vote for the new Scottish parliament.

There are many people of English parentage, educated in England, but earning their living in Scotland. Presumably they will have a vote for the Scottish parliament as well as for the British Parliament. Surely all this appears ludicrous.

Why do we not continue the present system which has lasted satisfactorily for 300 years, and where we all, Scots and English, vote for the British Parliament?

Yours faithfully,
JOHN LAURENCE,
Cardross House, Church Road,
Ham Common, Richmond, Surrey.
May 21.

From Mr T. R. H. Sowler

Sir, When the tower around which this house has evolved was built at the end of the 15th century, the site selected was a cold, north-facing slope, but it was south of the Tyne and so less susceptible to the endemic raids of the Scots. During the ensuing century the castellans of this and neighbouring fastnesses had to maintain a regular night watch on the Tyne fords, although it is fair to say that the English were as much on the offensive as the defensive.

With the succession in 1603 of the Scottish King James VI as James I of England these precautions became unnecessary. By the time of the disorders of 1715 and 1745 many Northumbrians favoured the Jacobite cause and the national English/Scottish distinction had greatly diminished.

Until recently, the Queen's Own Yeomanry (my territorial regiment) included both Ayrshire and Northumberland squadrons. They operated well together and "Jocks v Geordies" rivalry was friendly.

Labour proposals for devolution run contrary to the historical advances of the past 400 years.

Yours faithfully,
T. R. H. SOWLER,
Unthank Hall,
Haltwhistle, Northumberland.
May 20.

From Mr William M. Ballantine

Sir, We have heard much from new Labour recently about fairness, but I wonder if we will be seeing fairness in the forthcoming devolution referendum in Scotland?

What if, as many here fear, indifference wins; eg, what if 500,000 people vote yes, 499,999 vote no and 2 million people don't vote — will this be taken as the will of the Scottish people? As in the last devolution referendum in 1979, when 40 per cent of the entire electorate had to vote yes to ensure success, a safety net is needed to ensure a majority of the people really do wish to go down this road.

If, as Labour and others claim, we Scots really are in favour of this, then they have nothing to fear.

Yours faithfully,
WILLIAM M. BALLANTINE,
47 The Quarryknowes,
Dean Road, Bo'ness, West Lothian.
May 16.

From Mr Bruce Leeming

Sir, Magnus Linklater ("Scotland deserves a bonnier House", May 17) is undoubtedly correct to call for a modern purpose-built home for the Scottish parliament. However, the debating chamber and associated offices of the old Royal High School will be quite good enough for the mere talking-shop presently proposed for the nation.

But if the devolved arrangements soon to be put in place simply constitute a necessary stepping stone to a properly sovereign Scottish parliament, then the architectural competition had better be organised without delay.

The unworkability of "parish council" government, West Lothian anomalies and all, will soon become apparent.

Yours faithfully,
BRUCE LEEMING,
29 India Street, Edinburgh.
May 20.

'Rights' and the law

From Mr L. L. Blake

Sir, John Wadham, Director of Liberty, whose letter (May 14) advocates incorporation into our law of the European Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms (to give it its full title) shows a touching faith in its efficacy. In fact it will be a feast for lawyers and malcontents.

Why do we need to rely on rights which are divisive and restrictive, when we have the precious heritage of common law which is based on duties? We should be wary of high-sounding charters which refer to "freedoms" in the plural, which means, in effect, that there will be permissible freedoms in some areas but not in others. Only the State will decide.

Mr Wadham wants the convention to be supplemented by "new rights in a domestic Bill of Rights". So-called "natural" rights are endless. Jeremy Bentham once described them as "nonsense upon stilts" — and so they are.

Yours truly,
L. L. BLAKE,
271 Lonsdale Road, SW13.
May 14.

'Kneejerk' law

From Mr Geoff Trickey

Sir, Fox-hunting would seem a curious starting point for animal protection legislation in view of the abuses affecting millions of animals each year in transport of livestock, farming and the abattoirs reported by groups like Compassion in World Farming. One has to conclude that in this case it is the hunters rather than the hunted who are the centre of attention.

The windfall tax similarly targets "fat cats". I have no affinity with them or with hunters but I do have sympathy for the sporting shooters falling victim to kneejerk handgun legislation.

We should all be concerned about law which targets small groups who, for various reasons, find themselves the focus of orchestrated public vilification — this willingness to back the hue and cry with populist legislation is a particularly worrying trend in a Government that has proudly pronounced itself the Government of all the people. I wonder, who will be next?

Yours faithfully,
GEOFF TRICKEY,
42 Broadwater Down,
Tunbridge Wells, Kent.
May 20.

Fiji and the Crown

From Mr Ganesh Lall

Sir, Your report of May 12, "Fiji seeks to reforge link to the Crown", that Fiji is negotiating for readmission to the Commonwealth, and the alleged delight with which the Queen and the Prince of Wales have welcomed this, beggars belief.

Gradually and unobtrusively Fiji is being welcomed back into the Commonwealth in spite of the disgraceful behaviour of that country over the past ten years.

The 1987 coup overthrew a legitimately elected government and in 1990 a new constitution was promulgated giving only indigenous Fijians the right to be Prime Minister and President and guaranteeing a majority of seats to them in the House of Representatives.

The international community helped to get rid of apartheid in South Africa. It must do the same in Fiji or be guilty of practising double standards. Human rights, like human suffering, are indivisible.

I am, yours sincerely,
GANESH LALL,
The Common Room,
Middle Temple, EC4.
May 12.

Assisted places

From Councillor Mrs Ann Cains

Sir, It was interesting to read that Mr Tim Haynes, headmaster of Monmouth School, considers that children should be educated alongside people from all backgrounds to learn tolerance and how to work together (report, May 19).

Our two sons, both now engineering graduates of the University of Cambridge, have always appreciated their years at a school where pupils from all backgrounds were and are still able to mix academically and socially. However, they did not occupy assisted places at an independent school and my husband and I did not pay for this privileged schooling. They both attended our nearest school — the local comprehensive.

Yours sincerely,
ANN CAINS (Chair of Governors,
Blakeston School),
21 Countisbury Road,
Norton, Stockton on Tees.
May 19.

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Channel Tunnel fire precautions

From Mr Noel Falconer

Sir, Mr Stefan Tietz argues, in relation to safety on the Channel Tunnel freight shuttles (letter, May 20), that "calls ... for expensive changes to the open-sided rolling stock require better perspective". They rather require the most urgent investigation.

Old flying films often show a heroic pilot diving to blow out a fire. This works by blasting the flames back faster than they can burn forward, so the source of ignition falls away astern.

It's heroic because, when it doesn't work, the extra airflow blasts the blaze into a blowtorch, with catastrophic consequences. And it doesn't work when there's a sheltered area where a fire can keep on burning, and keep on reigniting combustible material.

The open latticework of the Chunnel freight shuttles encourages the formation of such areas: that a conflagration did occur supports this. There would seem to be a *prima facie* case that they are unwarrantably unsafe.

Yours sincerely,
NOEL FALCONER,
223 Bramhall Moor Lane,
Hazel Grove, Stockport.
May 20.

From Professor Viscount Samuel

Sir, A solution to the problem of fires on the Eurotunnel trains might be the covering of each lattice-sided freight wagon with a jacket or "tarpaulin" made of Kevlar. This is an aramid polymer fibre used for the manufacture of protective clothing for firemen and tank crews. This cloth is flexible, fairly light, and almost indestructible by fire.

I understand it was reported that a restriction on weight was the main reason for the open design of the wagons used for lorries. Aramid "curtains" would reduce the amount of oxygen available to a burning lorry, thereby containing the spread of the fire and, at the same time, would help to prevent the escape of smoke into the tunnels.

Yours sincerely,
DAVID SAMUEL,
Weizman Institute of Science,
Department of Environmental
Sciences and Energy Research,
76100 Rehovot, Israel.
May 21.

Start at the top

From Mr John Reade

Sir, Whilst seeking suitable work through your recruitment supplement ("Management plus") this morning I was astounded to learn from the article on board meetings of a woman who had managed to land (please excuse the pun) a directorship with British Airways where she went into her first board meeting "without having a clue what to do", and that she was, furthermore, "sitting on eight boards" with "no training in her responsibilities".

Can it be that her promotion at BA, and subsequent move to the managing directorship of Bupa, were made because she was not detained by over-qualification?

I wonder if those responsible for her promotion could contact me as soon as possible so I can employ them to find me a job. Unless of course, in the meantime, one of your readers has a vacant directorship — any position. I'm not greedy — just looking for a job.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN READE,
7 Tees Road,
Springfield, Chelmsford, Essex.
May 15.

Waiting for the bus

From Miss G. H. Threlfall

Sir, Professor Robert Stanton's decision to sue the company that failed to produce his bus on time (report and leading article, May 20) brought to mind a delightful disclaimer seen on the timetable at a bus stop some years ago. The small print read:

> The ... Bus Company does not guarantee to operate buses in accordance with this timetable, or at all.

Yours, etc,
G. H. THRELFALL,
38a Rossiter Road, SW12.

From Dr G. Van Praagh

Sir, When I was an education student we were told: "Never run after a bus, a woman or an educational theory — there'll be another in a few minutes." I hope Professor Stanton's activities will restore the first as good advice, young men already act on the second. Ministers of Education should take note of the third.

Yours faithfully,
GORDON VAN PRAAGH,
25 Blackwater Lane, Crawley, Sussex.
May 20.

Chastening thought

From Mr Manthos Kallios

Sir, Your Science Editor reports (May 22) evidence to suggest that males "... live longer if the sexual drive is removed".

Maybe it just feels that way.

Yours faithfully,
M. P. KALLIOS,
Mollands,
Hillwood Grove, Brentwood, Essex.
May 22.

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COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
May 22: The Queen, Colonel-in-Chief, accompanied by The Grand Duke of Luxembourg, Colonel, this afternoon presented new Colours to the 1st Battalion Irish Guards outside the State Entrance, Windsor Castle.

Having been received upon arrival by the Regimental Lieutenant-Colonel (Brigadier Christopher Wolverson), Her Majesty and His Royal Highness were received on Parade with a Royal Salute.

The Grand Duchess of Luxembourg was also present.

After the presentation, The Queen was graciously pleased to address the Battalion and the Commanding Officer (Lieutenant-Colonel James Pollock) replied.

Later The Queen, accompanied by The Grand Duke and Duchess of Luxembourg, attended a Garden Party at the Cricket Ground.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron, Outward Bound Trust, this morning chaired a meeting and gave a Luncheon for the Outward Bound Council at Buckingham Palace.

His Royal Highness, President, Westminster Abbey Trust, this afternoon chaired a meeting of the Trustees at Westminster Abbey, London SW1.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron, the Royal Philanthropic Society, this evening attended a Reception at St James's Palace.

May 22: The Duke of York, Honorary Air Commodore, today visited Royal Air Force Lossiemouth and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Morayshire (Air Vice-Marshal George Chesworth).

May 22: The Princess Royal, President, Save the Children Fund, this morning attended a Council Meeting at Mary Datchelor House, Grove Lane, Camberwell, London SE5.

Her Royal Highness, Patron, this evening attended the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine's Annual Vice Presidents' Meeting and Dinner at Commercial Union Assurance Company, St Helen's, 1 Undershaft, London EC3.

ST JAMES'S PALACE
May 22: The Prince of Wales, Colonel-in-Chief, The 22nd (Cheshire) Regiment, this morning received Lieutenant-Colonel John Thomson upon relinquishing his appointment as Commanding Officer 3rd (Volunteer) Battalion and Lieutenant-Colonel Martyn Thomas upon assuming the appointment.

His Royal Highness this afternoon gave a Reception for the Royal Parks Agency.

KENSINGTON PALACE
May 22: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, President, the Guide Association, attended the Annual General Meeting of the Association, held this morning at Commonwealth Headquarters, Buckingham Palace Road, London SW1, and this afternoon at Guildhall, London EC2.

KENSINGTON PALACE
May 22: Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester, Deputy Colonel-in-Chief, The Royal Anglian Regiment, this afternoon received Colonel Peter Worthy and Lieutenant-Colonel Anthony Swallow, representatives of the Northamptonshire Regiment Association.

The Duke of Gloucester, Patron, the Westminster Society, this evening attended the Annual General Meeting at the Royal United Services Institution, Whitehall, London SW1.

The Duchess of Gloucester today visited Mid Glamorgan and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant (Mr Murray McLaggan).

Her Royal Highness visited Heronsbridge School and Centre for children with disabilities and their families, Y-Bont, Bridgend.

Afterwards The Duchess of Gloucester visited Pen-y-Dre High School, Merthyr Tydfil, and later, as Commandant-in-Chief, St John Ambulance, Wales, opened a new Ambulance Hall in Aberdare.

YORK HOUSE
May 22: The Duke of Kent, Royal Patron, this evening attended a Fundraising Dinner for the Help Poland Fund at Blenheim Palace, Woodstock, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Oxfordshire (Mr Hugo Brunner).

The Duchess of Kent, Patron-in-Chief, this afternoon launched the Christie's Against Cancer Appeal at the Christie National Health Service Trust, Wilmslow Road, Manchester, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Greater Manchester (Colonel John Timmins).

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
May 22: Princess Alexandra this afternoon opened the new Research and Education Building at Chelsea Physic Garden, Royal Hospital Road, London SW3.

Her Royal Highness, accompanied by the Rt Hon Sir Angus Ogilvy, this evening attended the Annual Dinner of the Royal Academy of Arts at Burlington House, Piccadilly, London W1.

Today's royal engagements

The Queen will visit the South Tyneside Magistrate's Court, Millbank, Tyne and Wear, at 10.20 and, accompanied by The Duke of Edinburgh, will open Siemens Wafer Fabrications Facility, Silverlink, Newcastle upon Tyne at 11.25. They will visit Newcastle United Football Club at 1.00.

The Duke of Edinburgh will visit 607 (Wearmouth) Squadron, Douglas Road, Seaburn at 10.25.

General Sir John Gibbon

A Memorial Service for General Sir John Gibbon, GCB, OBE, will be held at 11am on Monday, September 29, at the Chapel of the Royal Hospital, Chelsea.

Luncheon

Lord Taylor of Blackburn

Lord Taylor of Blackburn was the host at a luncheon given by the Executive Committee of the United Kingdom branch of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association at the House of Lords yesterday to bid farewell to the Deputy Speakers, Ministers and Members of Commonwealth Parliaments attending the 1997 visit to Westminster.

Dr John Marek, MP, chairman of the branch executive committee, presided.

Service dinners

HMS Victory

Admiral Sir Michael Boyce, Second Sea Lord and Commander-in-Chief Naval Home Command, was the host at a dinner held last night onboard *HMS Victory*. Sir Rodney Sweetnam, President of the Royal College of Surgeons of England, and Lady Sweetnam were among the guests.

HMS Northwood

Former officers of the *HMS Northwood* training department held their annual dinner at the Savile Club last night. Lieutenant-Commander Michael Billingham presided.

HAC Active Officers

Active Officers of the Honourable Artillery Company dined last night at Armoury House. Lieutenant-Colonel James Ferguson, Commanding Officer, presided. General Sir Michael Wilkes, Colonel Commandant, was among the guests.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Carolus Linnaeus, botanist, South Rashult, Sweden, 1707; Franz Mesmer, physician, pioneer of hypnotism, Weil, Germany, 1734; Douglas Fairbanks, senior, Denver, Colorado, 1883.

DEATHS: Girolamo Savonarola, preacher, burnt at the stake, Florence, 1498; William Kidd (Captain Kidd), pirate, hanged, London, 1701; John Wood, architect and town planner, Bath, 1754; Henrik Ibsen, dramatist, Norway, 1906; John D. Rockefeller, oil magnate and philanthropist, Ormond Beach, Florida, 1937.

DENZIL McNEELANCE

Mark Rylance, artistic director of the new Globe Theatre in Southwark, peers through the curtain before unveiling the new stage. The theatre has been built as closely as possible to the original designs and painted with pigments used in the 16th century

Dinners

Royal Academy

Princess Alexandra was a speaker at the annual dinner of the Royal Academy of Arts held last night at Burlington House. Sir Philip Dowson, PRA, presided. Mr Chris Smith, Secretary of State for National Heritage, and Dame Jennifer Jenkins also spoke. The Lord Mayor of Westminster attended. Among others present were:

The Ambassador of Egypt, the Ambassador of Kuwait, the Ambassador of the Russian Federation, the Ambassador of Switzerland, the Ambassador of Turkey, Ambassador Toshio Yamazaki, Mr Ivor Abrahams, RA, Mr Norman Ackroyd, RA, Professor Norman Adams, RA, Mr Thomas Ades, Professor John Aiken, the Earl of Airlie, KT, and the Countess of Airlie, Mr Craigie Aitchison, RA, Mr Ian Albery, Miss Mary Allen, Mr William Alsop, Dr Robert Anderson, Lord Archer of Weston-super-Mare, Miss Diana Armfield, RA, Dr John Ashworth, Mr William Baillie, Miss Joan Bakewell, Dr John Bellany, RA, Mr James Benson, Sir Isaiah Berlin, OM, FBA, Miss Drusilla Beyfus, Mr Douglas Birnie, Baroness Blackstone, Mr Peter Blake, RA, Mr Norman Blamey, RA, Mr Ian Blatchford, Miss Brenda Blethyn, Miss Sandra Blow, RA, Dr Alan Borg, Mr William Bowyer, RA, Ms Rosie Boycott, Mr Laurie Bray, Miss Diana Brocklebank, the Hon Peter Brooke, CH, MP, Dr Christopher Brown, Mr Esmond Bulmer, Mrs John Burns, Mr James Butler, RA, Mr Jim Butler, Professor H T Cadbury Brown, RA, Mr Simon Callow, Lord Camoys, Mr John Carter, Mr Wilfred Cass, Mr Patrick Caulfield, RA, Sir Trevor Chinn, Lord Chorley, Miss Ann Christopher, RA, Mr Carey Clarke, Mr Geoffrey Clarke, RA, Mr John Cleese and Mrs Alyce Faye Eichelberger Cleese, Mr Timothy Clifford, Ms Sue Clifford, Mr Nigel Coates, Dr David Cohen, Mr Peter Coker, RA, and Mrs Coker, Mrs Anne Collins, Miss Jean Cooke, RA, Councillor John Corbet-Singleton, Professor Tony Cragg, RA, Mr Michael Craig-Martin, Mr Andrew Crawshaw, Mr John Craxton, RA, Mr Edward Cullinan, RA, Mr Frederick Cuming, RA, Mr Gus Cummins, RA, Lord Cunliffe, Professor Trevor Dannatt, RA, Mr Spencer de Grey, the Duke of Devonshire, KG, Dr Jennifer Dickson, RA, Mr Richard Dorment, Lady Dowson, Mr John Doyle, Mr Kenneth Draper, RA, Mr Bernard Dunstan, RA, Miss Jennifer Durrant, RA, Miss Jayne Edwardes, Mr Anthony Eyton, RA, Mr Ian Fairservice, Miss Mary Fedden, RA, Sir Robert Fellowes, Professor Eric Fernie, Mr Paul Finch, Mr Mark Fisher, MP, Dr Gert-Rudolf Flick, Sir Norman Foster, RA, Miss Simonetta Fraquelli, Mr Peter Freeth, RA, Mr Terry Frost, RA, Mr Stephen Fry, Mr Neil Garrard, Mr Arthur Gibney, Mr Jack Goldhill, Sir Nicholas Goodison, Mr David Gordon, Lady Nicholas Gordon Lennox, Mr Frederick Gore, RA, Mr Anthony Green, RA, Professor Timothy Green, Mr Nicholas Grimshaw, RA, Mr Angus Grossart, Professor Sir John Gurdon, FRS, Ms Zaha Hadid, Ms Maggi Hambling, Professor Eric Handley, FBA, Mr Colin Hayes, RA, Mrs David Haynes, Mrs Drue Heinz, DBE, Professor Bob Hepple, Lord Hindlip, Sir Michael Hopkins, RA, Mr Robert Hopper, Mr Ken Howard, RA, Mrs John Hubbard, Lord Hutchinson of Lullington, Mr Sidney Hutchison, Lord Inglewood, Miss Flavia Irwin, RA, Mr Godfrey Jacobs, Mr Simon Jenkins, Lord Jenkins of Hillhead, OM, Ms Isobel Johnstone, Mr Allen Jones, RA, Mr Paul Josefowitz, Mr and Mrs Donald Kahn, Mr Michael Kenny, RA, Mrs William Kerr, Mr Morris Kestelman, RA, Mr Henry Keswick, Lord Kingsdown, KG, Mr Ben Kingsley, Mr Kenichi Kinokuni, Professor Bryan Kneale, RA, Mr Paul Koralek, RA, Mr Yoshinori Kuroda, Miss Catherine Lampert, Sir Denys Lasdun, RA, Miss Sonia Lawson, RA, the Hon Dominic Lawson, Mr Christopher Le Brun, RA, Miss Prue Leith, Mr Ben Levene, RA, Lady Lever, Mr and Mrs John Lewis, Ms Ann Lewis, Dr Gerald Libby, Sir Sydney and Lady Lipworth, Mr Murray Loake, Mr Andrew Logan, Miss Rosemary Lomax-Simpson, Miss Jean Macalpine, Mr Richard MacCormac, RA, Miss Elizabeth Macgregor, Dr John Mack, Professor Will Maclean, Mr John Madejski, Mr John Maine, RA, Mr Leonard Manasseh, RA, and Mrs Manasseh, Mr Peter Mandelson, MP, Mr Michael Manser, RA, Mr Leonard McComb, RA, Mr John McEwen, Dr Ian McKenzie Smith, Mr Malcolm McLaren, Mr Henry Mayric-Hughes, Mr Mick Moon, RA, Mr Charles Moore, Mr Rowan Moore, Mr Alan Morgan, the Very Rev Dr John Moses, Mr Peter Murray, Mr Paul Myners, Professor Brendan Neiland, RA, Mr John Nickson, Mr Trevor Nunn, Sir Angus Ogilvy, Mr Christopher Orr, RA, Mr William Packer, Mr Thomas Pakenham, Mr Michael Palin, Miss Roxanna Panufnik, Professor Sir Eduardo Paolozzi, RA, Mr John Partridge, RA, Mr Victor Pasmore, CH, RA, and Mrs Pasmore, Mr Hugh Pearman, Major-General David Pennefather, the Earl of Perth, Mr Hayden Phillips, Mr Tom Phillips, RA, Sir Philip Powell, RA, and Lady Powell, Mr Patrick Procktor, RA, Miss Barbara Rae, RA, Mr John Ralsman, the Rev Donald Reeves, Dr Alexander Reid, Mrs Anthony Richardson, Mr and Mrs John Ritblat, Professor Duncan Robinson, Mr James Robinson, Mrs Jackie Rosenfeld, Mr Norman Rosenthal, Mr Leonard Rosoman, RA, Lord Rothschild, Mr Thomas Ryan, Mr and Mrs Charles Saatchi, Lord Sainsbury of Preston Candover, KG, Mr Simon Sainsbury, Mrs Cyril Sainsbury, Mrs Basil Samuel, Professor Michael Sandle, RA, Miss Edwina Sassoon, Mr Paul Scofield, Mr Nicholas Snowman, Lady Solti, Lady Somerleyton, Mr Eric Sorensen, Mr Julian Spalding, the Right Rev David Stancliffe, Mr Ian Stephenson, RA, Miss Mary Anne Stevens, Mr Jeremy Strachan, Miss Imogen Stubbs, Mr Peter Sutherland, Mr Philip Sutton, RA, Sir Anthony Tennant, Mr Joe Tilson, RA, Mr Julian Treger, Mr John Tusa, Ms Isabel Vasseur, Mr Jim Wadia, Sir David Walker, Miss Zoe Wanamaker, Professor Alan Watson, Mr Anthony Weldon, Mr Anthony Whishaw, RA, Dr Frank Whitford, Mr Keith Whitson, Ms Patsy Whitter, Mr Michael Wilford, Sir Michael Wilford, Mr John Witherow, Lord and Lady Wolfson and Professor Richard Wollheim, FBA.

HM Lord High Commissioner

Lord Macfarlane of Bearsden, Her Majesty's Lord High Commissioner to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, and Lady MacFarlane gave a dinner last night at the Palace of Holyroodhouse. Among those present were:

The Earl and Countess of Moray, Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Allbutt, Mr Campbell Armour, Mr and Mrs Robert Black, Dr and Mrs R G Drysdale, Dr and Mrs Rikki Fulton, Mr and Mrs Turnbull Hutton, Mr and Mrs W P Mackie, Mr and Mrs Donald Ross, Mr and Mrs Alistair Salvesen and Mr and Mrs David Smith.

Fruiterers' Company

Mr D. Tullett, Master of the Fruiterers' Company, assisted by the Wardens, presided at the annual audit court dinner held last night at Barber-Surgeons' Hall. Mr R. Sandler, Chief Executive of Lloyds of London, and Mr J.M.C. Choat also spoke.

Loriners' Company

The Lord Mayor, accompanied by the Sheriffs and their ladies, was a speaker at the annual livery dinner of the Loriners' Company held last night at the Mansion House. Mr John A. Bischoff, Master, presided. Viscount Massereene and Ferrard and Mr Graham Forbes, Upper Warden, also spoke. Among others present were:

The Masters of the Barbers', Saddlers', Founders', Joiners' and Ceilers' and Gold and Silver Wyre Drawers' Companies, Lieutenant-Colonel Sir John Miller, the Commanding Officer King's Troop RHA, the Mayor and Mayoress of Walsall and the President of the East Mercia Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

Guild of Air Pilots and Air Navigators

Sir Arthur Marshall was the principal guest at the annual livery dinner of the Guild of Air Pilots and Air Navigators held last night at Vintners' Hall. Mr R.W. Bridge, Master, presided.

London Chamber of Commerce and Industry

The London Chamber of Commerce and Industry's Women In Business annual dinner was held last night at the Savoy Hotel. Ms Jenni Murray was the guest of honour and speaker.

United Oxford & Cambridge University Club

Worshipful John Hamill, Grand Librarian of the United Grand Lodge of England, was the principal speaker at a dinner held at the club house last night. Mr Peter Benton, chairman of the function committee, presided.

Memorial services

Dr Roger Wright

A memorial service for Dr Roger Wright, a former consultant anaesthetist at St Thomas' Hospital, was held yesterday in the hospital chapel. The Rev Donald Reece officiated. Mr Michael Wright and Dr John Wright, sons, read the lessons and Dr Anthony Clement gave an address.

Mr Leonard C. McKane

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Mr Leonard C. (Mac) McKane, of Government Communications Headquarters, was held yesterday at St Bride's, Fleet Street. Canon John Oates, Canon Peter Jeffries and Prebendary Graham Claydon officiated.

Mr Christopher McKane, son, read the lesson. Ms Camilla McKane, granddaughter, read a poem by Olga Sedakova. Mr Stewart Woolner paid tribute and Sir Peter Marychurch gave an address.

Calls to the Bar

Easter Term 1997, Call Day: May 22

Lincoln's Inn
R Magee, Adamsdown, Cardiff; H B Carey, Kelsall, Cheshire; R M Entwistle, Cwmbran, Gwent; J Gandolfi, Stoke Hammond, Buckinghamshire; G D Warnsby, Moulton, Spalding, Lincolnshire; A M Yunus, Fenham, Newcastle upon Tyne; C H Whitehead, Brough, North Humberside; E R R Cooper, Winkleigh, North Devon; C S Downes, St Albans, Hertfordshire; T S Tagon, London W4; L J Murray, East Preston, West Sussex; L P Nowland, Penwortham, Preston, Lancashire; S P Maggs, London SE5; V Saujani, London N17; A M Stone, Ratby, Leicester; T J Seller, London W13; P A Harshaw, Devonshire, Bermuda; C D Wood, Tonbridge, Kent; S A H Uddin, Epsom, Surrey; M A Ali, Burnage, Manchester; P N Young, Blunham, Bedfordshire; K Karim, Great Harwood, Lancashire; S Zaki, Perivale, Middlesex; D M Allan, London N7; C L Brown, Ben Rhydding, Ilkley, West Yorkshire; S S Sarkar, Calcutta, India, a senior advocate of the Supreme Court of India; M J Anderson, Hamilton, Bermuda.

Inner Temple
P A Sizzi, Loughton, Essex; A Woodhall, London W11; C W Bradbury, Stone, Staffordshire; L A Bennett, London W4; L Browne, London SE11; R C Allison, New Malden, Surrey; F Goldsborough, London N7; S J Francombe, South Oxhey, Watford, Hertfordshire; D A Slohn, Radlett, Hertfordshire; A M Banjoko, London W14; M A Haque, Dhaka, Bangladesh.

Middle Temple
B C Winzer, London SW11; D J Goodyear, Thurleigh, Bedfordshire; J S Scott, Purley, South London; R B Day, London SW19; R J Dunt, Guildford, Surrey; B N J Bloom, Leeds; P R Ellicott, London W4; M Fealy, London E3; D S Sanders, Gomshall, Surrey; I Pirbhai Zamin, London N12; R S Clare, former solicitor, Dalton, near Wigan, Lancashire; K M H O'Driscoll, Barrister of Ireland, Cork, Ireland.

Gray's Inn
S J Frame, Hillingdon, Middlesex; D H Griffiths, Farnham, Surrey; A Meah, Croydon, Surrey; R D Freeland, Weldon, Northampton; L Rohit, Leicester; M Ranauta, Whitchurch, Cardiff; I Goldsack, Rotherham; A D Maitra, Gosforth, Tyne and Wear; A K M F Islam, Colliers Wood, London; P S J Ralston, Formby, Merseyside; D J Chalk, Swansea, Glamorgan; S A Bolton, Marford, Wrexham, Denbigh.

Birthdays today

Sir Kenneth Allen, engineer, 90; Sir David Barran, former chairman, Midland Bank, 85; Mr Rubens Barrichello, racing driver, 25; Mrs J. J. d'A. Campbell, Mistress, Girton College, Cambridge, 62; Sir Matthew Campbell, civil servant, 90; Sir Hugh Casson, CH, architect, 87; Miss Joan Collins, actress, 64; Sir Samuel Curran, FRS, former Vice-Chancellor, Strathclyde University, 85; Mr Nigel Davenport, actor, 69; the Very Rev J.H. Drury, Dean of Christ Church, Oxford, 61; Dr Walter Eltis, economist, 64; Mr G.M. Gill, former chief cashier, Bank of England, 63; Mr Marius Goring, actor, 85; Lord Grenfell, 62; Viscount Hawarden, 36; Mr Graeme Hick, cricketer, 31; Mr Anatoly Karpov, chess player, 46; Sir Peter Kenilorea, former Prime Minister, Solomon Islands, 54; His Honour Sir Sanderson Temple, QC, 76; Sir John Titman, former Secretary, Lord Chamberlain's office, 71.

Forthcoming marriages

Captain T.G. Vallings and Miss L.M. Bull

The engagement is announced between Captain Tom Vallings, The Duke of Wellington's Regiment (West Riding), second son of Vice-Admiral Sir George and Lady Vallings, of Long Ditton, Surrey, and Louisa, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Bull, of North Stoke, Oxfordshire.

Mr M.W. Adam and Miss P.J. Sparks

The engagement is announced between Michael, second son of Dr and Mrs James Adam, of Clifford Chambers, Warwickshire, and Penny, younger daughter of the late Mr and Mrs Peter Sparks, of Exmouth and Cullompton, Devon.

Mr P.F. Hebblethwaite and Miss J.A. Cassim

The engagement is announced between Peter, son of the late Mr R.L. Hebblethwaite and of Mrs Madeline Hebblethwaite, of Falmouth, Cornwall, and Justine, daughter of the late Wing Commander N.A. Cassim, BDSc, LDS, and of Mrs Patricia Cassim, of Cheltenham, Gloucestershire.

Mr A.J. Hunt and Miss V.A. Culnane

The engagement is announced between Anthony, eldest son of Mr and Mrs John Hunt, of Greenfield, Bedfordshire, and Veronica, youngest daughter of Mrs Joyce Culnane and the late Mr Peter Culnane, of Sheen, London.

Mr E.E. Hunt IV and Miss E.H. Stevenson

The engagement is announced between Ernest, son of the Very Rev Dr and Mrs Ernest E. Hunt III, of Paris, France and Tannersville, New York, and Elizabeth Holly, daughter of Mr and Mrs William W. Stevenson, of Charlottesville, Virginia.

Mr A.H. Marsden and Dr R.M. Jennings

The engagement is announced between Hugh, son of the late Mr Eric Marsden and of Mrs Marsden, of Stourpaine, Dorset, and Rosalind, daughter of the late Mr Christopher R. Jennings and of Mrs Ruth Jennings, of Burford, Oxford.

Mr A.C. Moore and Miss S.M. Hawkins

The engagement is announced between Anthony, son of Mr and Mrs Lionel Moore, of Cheadle Hulme, Cheshire, and Susan, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Nicholas Hawkins, of Hildenborough, Kent.

Mr G.K.C. Whitlam and Miss J.J. Hall-Smith

The engagement is announced between Giles, son of Mr Michael Whitlam, of Jersey, and Mrs Eileen Whitlam, of Richmond, Surrey, and Jessica, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Jeremy Hall-Smith, of Milland, West Sussex.

Mr N.W. Woollen and Miss H. Kelaart

The engagement is announced between Billy, son of Mr and Mrs H.J. Woollen, of Bagber Common, Dorset, and Hannah, eldest daughter of the late Mr Paul Kelaart and of Mrs Kelaart, of Nettlebed, Oxfordshire.

Marriages

Mr A.W.G. Bell and Miss J.L. Harrison

The marriage took place on Saturday at the Church of St Cross, Winchester, of Mr Aidan Bell, son of Mr and the Hon Mrs Peter Bell, of Winchester, to Miss Judith Harrison, daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Harrison, of Cheltenham. Canon W.N. Stock and the Rev S.A. Outhwaite officiated.

Mr D.A. Borradaile and Mrs L.C. Boscawen

The marriage took place on May 3, 1997, between David Borradaile and Lucia Boscawen, née Vivian-Neal, of Lewesdon House, Stoke Abbott, Dorset.

Mr D.F. Schuster and Miss T.C. Altmann

The marriage took place on Saturday, May 17, 1997, in the Church of St Michael and All Angels, Steventon, Oxfordshire, of Mr Dominic Francis Schuster and Miss Tamara Christina-Anne Altmann.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Romany Thums and Camilla and Imogen Altmann. Mr Nick Mappin and Mr Charles Jordan were best men.

A reception was held at Priory Cottage, Steventon, and the honeymoon will be spent abroad.

School news

St Leonards and St Katharines Schools

Term began on April 18 and ends on July 1 with Speech Day. The guest speaker will be Susan Greenfield, Professor of Pharmacology at Oxford University, Fellow of Lincoln College and Gresham Professor of Physic, who will open the new Science Laboratory. Senior Week was held between May 9 and 11 with over 120 Seniors attending. Gillian duCharme, Headmistress of Benenden School, was elected an Honorary Senior *in Absentia*. The Beneficent Fund supported the Laura Campbell-Preston Memorial Fund. The after dinner speaker on Saturday, May 10, was Sir Kenneth Dover, DLitt, LLD, FRSE, FBA, Chancellor of St Andrews University. The preacher at the School Service was Canon Anthony Phillips, former Headmaster of The Kings School, Canterbury. The Dowager Head of School is Erica Bennett and the acting Head, Kirsty Wedderspoon. The Dowager Captain is Caroline Gregory and the acting Captain Jemima Scuse.

Scholarships and Exhibitions for the 1997-98 session have been awarded as follows:

Sixth Form Scholarship - Rachel Muir (Nairn Academy); Sixth Form Entrance Scholarships - Julia Skorupska and Zoe Symington (St Leonards); Entry at 13+ - Catriona Graham (Butterstone School); Entry at 12+ - Harriet Agnew (Croftinloan); Music - Juliet Anderson (Mowden Hall), Roweena Pammani (St Katharines); Art Scholarship - Ruth Fletcher (St Leonards); Golf - Judith de Vries (St Leonards).

The Chamber Choir will take part in the Festival of Youth Chamber Choirs at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe at the end of August. An Open Day for parents of prospective pupils will be held on Friday, June 6.

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The West Scholarship
Andrew Mobbs, Milbourne Lodge.

The Richard Morrison Scholarship
Gareth Toplis, Eagle House.

An Open Scholarship with especial merit in the Sciences
Daniel Berkeley, Woodcote House.

An Open Scholarship
John Agnew, St Edmund's School, Hindhead.

The Art Scholarship
Mac Nicoll, Eagle House.

Six Exhibitions
James Ross, Eagle House; Daniel Kormicki for merit in Languages, Lambrook; James Watson for merit in English, Milbourne Lodge; Christopher Holmes for merit in Science, Milbourne Lodge; Peter Ashe for merit in French, Aldro School; Nicholas Griffiths, Shrewsbury House.

Junior Scholar from Eagle House
Sachin Trikha

Music Scholarships
Andrew van der Merwe, St John's College, Johannesburg; David Haigh, The Pilgrims' School, Winchester; Christopher Clarinew, Crosfields.

Academic Awards for Girls in the Sixth Form
Catherine Hartley, Calthorpe Park School; Joanna Jefferis, Beaconsfield High School; Laura Imeson, Yateley School.

Music Awards for Girls in the Sixth Form
Catherine Marshall, St George's School, Ascot; Joanna Jefferis, Beaconsfield High School; Eloise Helme *proxime accessit*, St Swithun's, Winchester.

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BIRTHS

CHAPLIN - On May 19th at The Portland Hospital, to Wendy (née Stillerman) and Melvin, a daughter, Lucinda Emma Trudy, a sister for Marcus.

CHARALAMBIDES - On May 14th at The Portland Hospital, to Lesley and Stelios, a daughter, Marina Katherine, a sister for Alexander.

DEVEREUX - On May 15th at The Portland Hospital, to Tina and Mark, a son, Miles Barthelemy.

GABORIT - On May 19th at The Portland Hospital, to Kathleen and Christian, a son, Tristan, a brother for Alex.

HEADON - On May 15th at The Portland Hospital, to Anne (née Thoviste) and Patrick, a daughter, Margaux Camille.

MILLS - On 18th May, to Francesca (née Sanders-Rose) and Christopher, a daughter, Katherine Rose Evelyn, a sister for Freddie.

MONAGHAN - On May 13th at The Portland Hospital, to Stephen Williams and Ann Monaghan, a son, Joseph Stephen.

PANULLO - On May 20th at The Portland Hospital, to Carmelita and Alan, a son, Christian, a brother for Alexander and Stephanie.

PIDGEON - On May 11th 1997 at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, London, to Vanessa (née Birkett) and Neil, a daughter, Rosanna Charlotte Louise, a sister for Lucinda.

TRAIN - On 9th May at St Mary's, Paddington, to Elizabeth and Nick, a son, Guy Samuel, a brother for Alastair and Hugh.

WARSHAW - On 21st May, to Charlotte (née Conrad) and Simon, a son, Freddie Alexander.

WRIGLEY - On May 18th in Winchester, to Michelle (Lowe) and Neil, a beautiful daughter, Amelia Rachel.

DEATHS

BAKER - On 14th May 1997 Edward Cecil Baker aged 94 years, late of Marlborough, Wiltshire. Funeral took place at Kingsdown Crematorium, Swindon, on Thursday May 22nd 1997. All enquiries tel: (01793) 491091.

BEECH - June Isabelle, peacefully at home on 20th May after a long illness. Dearly loved wife of Gerald, mother of Paul, Julian and Charlotte. Family funeral service on Wednesday 27th May at Gilroes Crematorium, Groby Road, Leicester. No flowers please. Donations to LOROS c/o Ginns and Gutteridge, Vaughan Way, Leicester. A Memorial Service is to be held on Thursday 19th June at St Vincent's Church, Littlebourne, Kent at 2.30pm.

BENTLEY - Lotty, widow of John, died peacefully on Wednesday 21st May, surrounded by her family. Funeral at 11.30 am on Thursday 29th May at All Saints Church, Brenchley. No flowers by request; donations if desired to Halliwell Amenity Fund, Halliwell Nursing Home, Kingswood Road, Tunbridge Wells, Kent, TN2 4UN.

BRUCE - Robert Nigel on 20th May 1997 peacefully, much loved husband of Betty, father of Jane, Susan, Patrick, Kenneth and grandfather of 10. Thanksgiving Service on Friday 30th May at 3 pm St Mary's Church, Oatlands Avenue, Weybridge. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to British Red Cross Society c/o F.W. Chitty & Co., 45 Elmgrove Road, Weybridge, KT13 8PB.

BUCHANAN (Kirkwhelpington, Northumberland) peacefully at home on 20th May aged 82 years, Katharine Ogilvie (Kato) (née Robinson), dear wife of the late Tony Marks and the late Ian Buchanan. Also a much loved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Family burial service at Cambo Cemetery on Tuesday 27th May at 11.30 am followed by Memorial Service in Great Bavington United Reformed Church at 2 pm. Friends please meet at church. No flowers by request please, but donations in lieu if desired to Tynedale Community Hospice, 19, Battle Hill, Hexham, Northumberland, NE46 1BA.

DUNGEY - Eileen, peacefully on 18th May at Florence Nightingale House, Stoke Mandeville aged 86 years, widow of Frank and beloved mother of Frances, Virginia and Anne, and a dearly loved grandmother and great-grandmother. Requiem Mass at the Church of The Immaculate Heart of Mary, Great Missenden, Bucks, on Thursday, 29th May at 2.30pm followed by interment in the Great Missenden Lawn Cemetery. Enquiries to Great Missenden Funeral Services, (01494) 863101.

GIDLOW-JACKSON - Charles Michael, 19th May, 1997. Peacefully at Salisbury District Hospital. Father to Batia and Mark. Funeral Service at Salisbury Cathedral at 3 pm Wednesday 28th May, 1997. Flowers and enquiries c/o I.N. Newman Ltd., Funeral Directors, Salisbury, 01722 413136.

HAYWARD - Richard Douglas, Major, Royal Artillery (Retired), on 21st May suddenly at home, aged 82. Loved and loving husband of Olive, father of Janet and Gillian, grandfather and great-grandfather. Service at Maddington Church, Shrewton at 12 noon on Thursday 29th May, followed by private cremation. No flowers. Donations to Salisbury Hospice c/o G.W. Burden, 37 Church Street, Amesbury.

HILDEBRAND - Phyllis Maud died peacefully on 20th May 1997 aged 89 years.

HIGGINS - Francis peacefully at home on 21st May, beloved husband of Laura, father of Joan and Peter. Requiem Mass at Church of the Sacred Heart, Kingsbridge, Friday 30th May 10.30 am, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only.

HODSON - Pamela Joyce widow of Alan Henry (formerly 200 Hovercraft Squadron/RCT) died suddenly on May 19th. Mother of David and Jacqueline. Funeral Service at 11.15 am on Thursday May 29th at St Mary's Church, Alverstoke. Family flowers only, donations to N.S.P.C.C. c/o Churcher & Tribbeck, 3 Stoke Road, Gosport PO12 1LT Hampshire.

HOLMES - Robin Stretton, Teacher Brentwood School, died 19th May 1997 suddenly at home. Dearly loved brother, brother-in-law and uncle to Ewart, Diana, Rowland, Oliver and Genevieve. Funeral on 30th May 1997 at 11 am at St Thomas' Church, Brentwood. All family, friends, colleagues and students from Brentwood School welcome.

LAURIE - Nicholas on May 20th, beloved husband of Vivienne and darling daddy to Nicolle and Frederick. Greatly missed by all his family. All enquiries to Tomalin & Son, Henley-on-Thames, (01491) 573370.

MACDONALD - Peacefully at Craigmount Nursing Home, St Andrews, on May 22nd 1997, Joan Eileen, dearly beloved wife of the late Canon Alexander Macdonald. Much loved mother of Sanna, Andrew, Peter, Mary and the late Agnes and a loving grandmother. Requiem Mass in All Saints Church, North Castle Street, St Andrews, on Tuesday May 27th at 1 pm. Cremation thereafter private.

McCULLY - Betsy peacefully at home in Seaford on 21st May aged 70 years, beloved wife of Dick, much loved mother of Susan, Jane, Richard, dear grandmother of Joanne, Paul, Richard and Katie and sadly missed by all her family and friends. Service in the Family Chapel, Eastbourne Crematorium, on Thursday 29th May at 3.45 pm. Flowers and enquiries c/o Cooper & Son, 19 Clinton Place, Seaford. (01323) 492666.

PAGE - Kenneth on May 20th 1997, aged 58. Much loved son, father, brother and grandfather. Service at Bretby Crematorium on Tuesday 27th May at 10.30am. Family flowers only please.

RING - On May 21st peacefully in Newland House Residential Home, Witney, Violet Mary, formerly of Loose, Maidstone, Kent and New Inn Cottage, East End, North Leigh, Oxon. in her 101st year. Deeply loved by her family and treasured by her friends.

ROWLEY - On Wednesday May 21st after a short illness, Brenda Maureen (née Musio), dearly loved wife of Samuel of Dyrham near Chippenham. Funeral St Peter's Church, Dyrham, on Thursday May 29th at 12.30 pm. Family flowers only. Donations please to Imperial Cancer Research Fund c/o W.F. Dolman & Son, 9 Walcot Terrace, Bath.

WHITE - (Nantenan, Askeaton, Co. Limerick, Ireland), May 21st in his 89th year. Lt. Col. (Bill, Sato) M.W.H. M.B.E. Retd ninth Gurkha rifles and Chitral state scouts frontier corps. Much loved uncle of Topper, John, Maria and Martin. Sadly missed by his family, friends and relatives. Funeral mass tomorrow Saturday May 24th at St James's Church, Cappagh at 2.30 pm. Burial immediately afterwards in adjoining churchyard. Flowers if desired, to Thompsons Funeral Home, Limerick.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

HASTINGS - The Honourable Lady Hastings D.L. There will be a Memorial Service for Lady Hastings on Thursday 12th June 1997 at 12 noon at Holy Trinity Church, Wentworth, South Yorkshire. Enquiries to 01226 742041.

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IN MEMORIAM — PRIVATE

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YEATER - (Née Lewis), Edna Mary. 23rd May 1992. Beloved Mother: "Thy eternal summer shall not fade" - Michael (McClain).

IN MEMORIAM — PRIVATE

WILSON - Rt. Hon. Lord Wilson of Rievaulx (Harold Wilson) Prime Minister 1964-1970, 1974-1976. Died 23rd May 1995. Loved and remembered by family, friends and colleagues. He was much loved by the people.

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OBITUARIES

DR NOEL BROWNE

Dr Noel Browne, former Minister of Health and socialist politician in Ireland, died in Galway yesterday aged 81. He was born in Waterford on December 20, 1915.

As Minister for Health in the Irish Government formed in 1948, Dr Noel Browne was credited with eliminating the deadly scourge of tuberculosis which had decimated generations of young Irish people.

In 1951 he sought to introduce a free maternity service. The Irish bishops, egged on by a medical profession alarmed by the prospect of socialised medicine, opposed the scheme on the grounds that it was not means-tested and was therefore contrary to Catholic social teaching. When Browne refused to alter it, despite being asked to do so by his colleagues, he was told to resign by his party leader Sean MacBride.

Although he remained in politics as a hardline socialist for many years, he never held office again. But he remained an icon for those who denounced Irish society as socially unjust and deplored the influence of the Roman Catholic Church.

Noel Browne's own background was a strange blend of deprivation and privilege. Both his father, who had been an inspector with the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, and his mother died from tuberculosis when he was a child and the penniless family was scattered.

His elder sister took care of him and the woman who employed her as a manager of a holiday home for children in the South of England had the young Noel enrolled as a pupil in a Catholic preparatory school called St Anthony's in Eastbourne.

From there he won a scholarship to Beaumont, the Jesuit public school near Windsor, where he became friendly with Neville Chance, who was the son of the late Sir Arthur Chance, the last King's surgeon in Ireland.

It was Lady Chance who paid Browne's fees as a medical student at Trinity College Dublin. She was a person of considerable wealth (her father was William Martin Murphy, the leader of the Dublin employers who put down the general strike of 1913. As such he was a hate-figure among Labour people in Ireland.)

After he qualified as a doctor, Browne contracted tuberculosis himself and was treated at a hospital in England. Later, during the war years, he worked as a doctor in various English sanitoriums. He continued to specialise in tuberculosis on his return to Ireland in 1946.

Contact made with a patient led him into a campaign for political action to deal with the disease. He joined the Clann na Pobachta party which had been founded by Sean MacBride, a barrister and former Chief of Staff of the IRA.

Browne was elected to the Dail in 1948, defeating by only a few votes the Labour candidate Eleanor Butler, who subsequently became Countess of Wicklow. After the election a coalition Government was formed out of a diverse collection of parties, the only bond between which was opposition to Eamon de Valera, who had by then been in office as head of government for 16 years.

Browne became Minister for Health on his first day in the Dail. He was the first public schoolboy and the first Trinity graduate to serve in an Irish government.

The campaign he waged to eradicate tuberculosis won acclaim. He built numerous sanitoriums out of funds accumulated from the proceeds of the Irish Hospitals Sweepstakes run on major racing events such as the Grand National.

This was popular, but there were those who thought it was somewhat profligate at a time when drugs such as streptomycin were becoming available — drugs which were to bring the great tuberculosis epidemic to an end within a few years.

Browne was undiplomatic in his dealings with the medical profession and got rid of his own departmental legal adviser, who was the real author of the mother and child scheme he proposed in 1951.

In the context of the Ireland of that day — where most hospitals ran on the voluntary work of religious orders — it was simply not practical politics to attempt to disregard the views of the Catholic hierarchy. That he should have broken with them over the issue of whether those who were able to pay should receive a free service was in itself evidence of a political naivety and lack of sense of proportion that were as characteristic of the man as were the hatred of injustice and idealism that inspired him.

Although Browne continued to be elected to the Dail, where he represented one of Dublin's more affluent constituencies, he never came near to holding office again. He was at different times a member of four other political parties, but he was always an uneasy colleague, slow to compromise, quick to elevate disagreements into points of principle, and ever ready to impugn the motives of those who did not agree with him.

He was powerful in denunciation, and his speeches, which began with the audience straining to hear him, often ended in a voice that bordered on the strident. He remained too far removed from the mainstream of Irish opinion even when the role of the Church came under increasing suspicion. He had a withering contempt for much Nationalist ideology, which he felt had been used as an opium for the people who needed social justice and emancipation from a repressive Church.

Browne was a loner, though not without considerable social charm at a personal level.

He remained a doctor, though he did not carry on a private practice, and he changed his specialty from tuberculosis to psychiatry. This confirmed him in his hostile attitude to the Church, as he saw the harm that could be caused in individual lives by the more repressive Catholic teaching, especially on sexual matters.

After he finally left politics in 1982 he retired to live in the vast emptiness of Connemara on the West Coast. In 1986 he published his memoirs *Against the Tide*: this proved a powerfully written book. Among other things, it contained a heart-rending account of his tragic childhood, which gave an insight into the reasons for his bitterness towards those who perpetrated injustice. But there was something less appealing in the unkind and somewhat self-righteous manner in which he denounced other politicians.

Noel Browne is survived by his wife Phyllis, and two daughters.

PETER SNAPE

Peter Snape, OBE, headmaster and administrator, died on April 30 aged 71. He was born on June 4, 1925.

PETER SNAPE was an effective and inspiring headmaster who went on to become a distinguished educational administrator. As head of the King Edward VI School in Totnes for almost twenty years from 1964, he was a highly successful pioneer of comprehensive education, and his school came to exemplify all that was good in the new system.

Later, as general secretary in the 1980s of both the Secondary Heads' Association (representing state schools) and the Headmasters' Conference (which draws its members from the independent sector), he had a hand in holding together the two worlds of state and independent secondary education in a turbulent period when they might easily have drifted apart. He also supported and advised the heads of state secondary schools during those years of unprecedented disruption in their schools.

Thomas Peter Snape came from a modest home in Yorkshire. He was educated at Cockburn High School in Leeds and at Exeter College, Oxford, where he read English. After teaching in a variety of grammar and comprehensive schools between 1950 and 1960, he was appointed headmaster of Settle High School in 1960.

His greatest school achievement began in 1964, when he became Headmaster of King Edward VI Grammar School in Totnes. Five years later the grammar school was transformed into the much larger King Edward VI Comprehensive School, on a new site on the edge of the town. Not only did Snape ensure that the transition was smoothly accomplished, but he saw the new school go on to become a highly successful example of comprehensive education.

Snape reigned at King Edward's — if reigned is not too grand a word for his splendidly unbuttoned style of headmastering — with great success until 1983, inspiring,

cajoling and enabling his expanding staff to develop a tradition of hard work and an unbounded enthusiasm for the new school they were together creating.

From 1983 to 1988 Snape was general secretary of the Secondary Heads' Association and of the Headmasters' Conference. It was at this period that his compassion and diplomacy were given full rein. The heads of state secondary schools were being ground between the upper and nether millstones of the local authorities and rebellious teaching staff. Demonstrations, boycotts and strikes were rife. Snape stiffened the heads' resolve and gave them moral support at a cost to himself of endless phone calls, long train journeys and voluminous correspondence. Those who worked with him during this time bear witness to his patience, wit and good humour under pressure. On his retirement in 1988 he was appointed OBE.

Snape held a Leverhulme Research Fellowship in the United States in 1970, and was a member of the consultative committee of the Assessment of Performance Unit, 1975-84, and of the Teachers' Education Accreditation Council 1984-86. He was a Justice of the Peace in Devon from 1975. He published a book called *Ten Sites in Totnes* in 1990 and also contributed to learned journals.

The years of retirement were not entirely easy. Snape and his wife Anne had a home in Totnes and a flat in London, and they moved regularly between them. In 1994, however, they were stricken by the death of their only son, Adam.

Moreover, Snape's ill-health made it difficult for him to read for any length of time. This was irksome, for books had always given him particular pleasure. But he never lost his puckish sense of humour.

Peter Snape is survived by his wife and their three daughters.

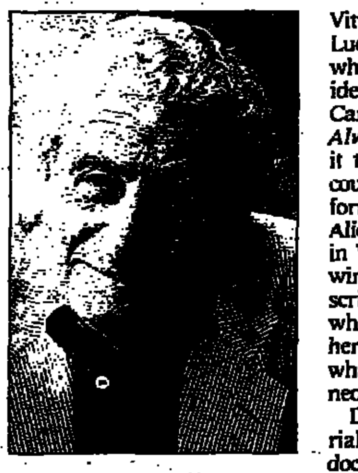
GIUSEPPE DE SANTIS

Giuseppe De Santis, Italian film director, died on May 16 aged 80. He was born on February 11, 1917.

ALTHOUGH banned by the US Legion of Decency, the film *Riso Amaro* (Bitter Rice) was an international success, establishing its director Giuseppe De Santis as one of the key figures of the Italian neo-realist movement.

A vehement anti-Fascist, committed to Marxist principals, De Santis used his movies to communicate a social message. His *Riso Amaro* dealt with the exploitation of girls hired seasonally as rice-picking labourers on the marshes of the Upper Po. He cast the exotic Silvana Mangano — who had been the 1946 Miss Rome — in a prominent role, transforming her overnight into a star. Such concessions to popular taste, however, were criticised by many of his leftist colleagues, and De Santis never achieved the renown of such directors as Roberto Rossellini or Vittorio De Sica.

Born and brought up in Fondi, Italy, Giuseppe De Santis professed, even in his childhood, to have had a "kind of mistrust of rich kids" which made him seek out the company of the local tradesmen's children instead. He studied philosophy at Rome's Centro Sperimentale di Cinematografia where he acquainted himself with Marxist theories (though officially the school was subject to Fascist control) and attended screenings of the great Soviet film makers. He was vociferously hostile to



Fascism and traditional Italian cinema.

In 1940 De Santis was working as a reviewer for the magazine *Cinema* (edited by Benito Mussolini's son Vittorio), when he met Luchino Visconti and the two, who shared many of the same ideas, decided to film James Cain's novel *The Postman Always Rings Twice* and adapt it to "the true reality of our country". De Santis and a former fellow student Mario Alicata walled themselves up in Visconti's home during the winter of 1941-42 writing the script for the film *Ossessione*, which Visconti directed. It heralded the beginning of what was later to be called neo-realism.

De Santis made his directorial debut in 1945 with a documentary celebrating the fall of Fascism. Its lyrical imagery owed much to Eisenstein. The first feature film he directed was *Caccia Tragica (The Tragic Hunt, 1947) — a* tale of confusion of identities which reflected the chaos of postwar Italy and which, discreetly successful, was to establish itself as a key film of the neo-realist movement.

On the strength of it De Santis was signed up by Lux, a large Italian film company of the time, and it was with them that he made *Riso Amaro* in 1949. He followed this with two films *Non C'e Pace tra gil Ulivi* (Under the Olive Tree, 1950) and *Roma Ora 11* (Rome *11 o'clock, 1952). All* were successful — praised for their promotion of social reform but criticised for their concessions to commercialism.

Yet, with his five following films, De Santis's reputation waned, though his continued loyalty to the Communist cause (even after the Soviet *Union had invaded Hungary)* helped him to find financing for such projects as his 1957 *La strada lunga un anno* (The Road That Lasted a Year), a *film applauding the solidarity* of unpaid workers in Yugoslavia. In 1964 he filmed in Russia a *Italiani brava gente*, a movie about an Italian regiment on the Eastern front.

His last movie — *Un'apprezzata professionista con scarsa avvenire* (An Appreciated Professional with an Unlikely Future) — was made in 1972. Many considered it his worst. Nonetheless, in 1995, De Santis received a Lifetime Achievement Award at the Berlin Film Festival, where he was acclaimed not only for his contribution to Italian cinema, but also for his professional integrity.

De Santis married Giovanna Valeri in 1943.

A scene from De Santis's *Bitter Rice*, with Silvana Mangano (centre)

ON THIS DAY

May 23, 1928

Although the manufacture of a poison gas for military purposes was prohibited, phosgene production was permitted for the manufacture of dyestuffs and in other industrial processes.

THE POISON GAS DISASTER.

ELEVEN DEATHS.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

BERLIN, May 22

Four of the more seriously affected patients poisoned by the escape of phosgene gas at Hamburg on Sunday have died since yesterday. This brings the total number of deaths up to 11. There remain some 250 persons under treatment and inhabitants of the stricken area have been alarmed to learn that cases at first slight have become more serious, and that one or two persons who for more than a day had apparently remained in perfect health, have had to be removed to hospital to-day. This characteristic accompaniment of gas poisoning has, according to reports received in Berlin, given the scene of the disaster something of the appearance of a plague-stricken area, where men and women, haggard from sleeplessness walk about haunted by the fear that they will yet be victims of the invisible peril.

Through the efforts of the fire brigades, the police and the technical experts summoned to Hamburg, fortunately assisted by continuous rain, the area is now safe. The gas-infected houses evacuated by their occupants have been rendered habitable again, and stocks of foodstuffs in the shops have been inspected, and when in the slightest degree suspicious seized and destroyed.

The official inquiries into the cause of the leakage and the origin of the phosgene are still in progress. Various firms concerned have issued statements. The Stolzenberg chemical works, now in liquidation, on whose premises the tanks were situated, state that they have no explanation to offer as regards the leakage, as the tanks were kept under expert supervision and had undergone pressure tests.

The authorities are investigating the circumstances in which such a large quantity of a deadly gas, sufficient probably to destroy the population of Hamburg, was stored in ordinary tanks and not, as is customary, in steel containers.

With regard to the presence of the phosgene at Hamburg, it is not necessarily contrary to the terms of the Treaty of Versailles. Under the arrangements reached between German and Allied authorities, Germany agreed to restrict her export of phosgene to 24 tons annually, for industrial purposes only. In Germany itself phosgene is required in fairly huge quantities for dyestuffs production and for this and other industrial purposes, although the manufacture of poison gases for military purposes is prohibited, it was agreed that three factories should be equipped to produce the necessary quantity. Of these three factories one is capable of producing eight tons of phosgene a day, and the other two between them can produce one ton a day. Nine tons a day is a large amount. The factories are probably not used to their full capacity but the existence of fairly large stocks of phosgene in Germany is clearly explained.

The Stolzenberg works are not among the specified manufacturers of phosgene. The gas is stated to have been bought for export abroad, principally to the United States. It is also said to have formed part of old war stocks which, incidentally were all supposed to have been reported to the Allied Control Commission and destroyed.

The experiences of the affected area are widely described in the Press as a foretaste of the fate of civilian populations in the next war, and the occasion is used as propaganda, on the one hand for pacificism and on the other hand for the movement, of Nationalist origin, in favour of militarism and civil defence measures on a large scale against gas attacks by hostile aircraft.

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THE TIMES TODAY

FRIDAY MAY 23 1997

NEWS

Leadership snub angers Tories

■ Grassroots Conservatives rounded on the party at Westminster after the 164 Tory MPs decided that they alone would choose a successor to John Major.

The contest will begin on June 10 under the existing rules after the backbench 1922 Committee rejected activists' demands — backed by the party chairman Brian Mawhinney — that they should have a say........ **Pages 1, 11, 10, 20**

Cypriot forced to attend Aids trial

■ Detectives were ordered by a Cypriot judge to arrest a fisherman accused of infecting his British lover with Aids after he admitted himself into a clinic hours before his trial was due to begin. Janette Pink accuses Pavlos Georgiou of knowingly infecting her and sentencing her to death. When he eventually appeared in court he looked a picture of health........ **Pages 1, 5**

Church shamed

Men in the Methodist church, including ministers and lay workers, are abusing positions of trust and sexually abusing women with whom they come into contact........ **Pages 1, 4**

Labour's Lord

Viscount Rothermere, proprietor of the *Daily Mail*, which supports the Tories, has joined the Labour benches in the House of Lords. He has been sitting as a Tory since he inherited his title from his father in 1978...... **Page 1**

England triumphs

After a shaky start the England cricket team scored a victory over Australia at Headingley and also turned in a solid performance in the fashion stakes...... **Pages 1, 48**

'Mad cow' concession

Germany eased its hardline stance on "mad cow" disease, conceding for the first time that the transmission of the disease from cow to calf was "very unlikely"........ **Page 2**

Labels lie

An analysis of more than 1,400 food products has found that almost half of the claims made for sugar-free food and drink are false........ **Page 7**

Heart victim

A 16-year-old Norfolk schoolboy died from a heart attack 20 minutes after finishing his GCSE history examination........ **Page 6**

£100m for cancer

Health Secretary Frank Dobson pledged immediate action to cut £100 million from NHS bureaucracy and spend it on breast cancer treatment........ **Page 8**

Threat subsides

Fears of an imminent takeover of General Abdul Rashid Dostum's liberal fiefdom by the Taleban militia have faded........ **Page 13**

Pilot 'a liar'

Lieutenant Kelly Flinn, the first woman B52 pilot, was branded a liar at the court-martial as the Pentagon struggled to bring an end to what has become an embarrassing soap opera..... **Page 14**

KGB plot

Mehmet Ali Agca's attempt to kill the Pope in 1981 was a conspiracy organised by the KGB and which involved Bulgaria, the Italian judge taken off the case in 1985 has revealed........ **Page 15**

Boeing opposed

The stage is set for a trade war with America after Europe objected to a merger between Boeing and McDonnell Douglas, which would give Boeing 84 per cent of the global market........ **Page 16**

Yeltsin's fury

President Yeltsin sacked Igor Rodinov, Defence Minister for the last ten months, after berating him for being lazy and incompetent for not urgently introducing military reforms........ **Page 17**

Swinging Swedes lose their libido

■ It now seems that either the Swedish sexual revolution was a great myth or it has fizzled out. In the most comprehensive survey since the 1960s more than half of men and women claim to be sexually dissatisfied. Only a quarter of Swedish women claim to have had an affair during their married lives and a third of males admit to having committed adultery..... **Page 17**

Iranian women passing by posters in Tehran of Ali Akbar Nategh-Nuri, the Speaker who is a candidate in today's presidential elections

BUSINESS

Lloyd Webber: Lord Lloyd-Webber, the millionaire composer, has parted company with his long-time financial adviser after a row over business strategy........ **Page 25**

Bank of England: Senior City bankers are furious at the way the Governor has been treated by the Government and are insistent that he should not be forced to resign........ **Page 25**

Derivatives: The Industrial Bank of Japan revealed its London branch had sufferd a £53 million loss from derivatives trading........ **Page 25**

Markets: The FT-SE 100 index rose 9.8 points to close at 4651.8. Sterling's trade-weighted index fell from 99.1 to 98. 4 after a fall from $1.6470 to $1.6340 and from DM2.7917 to DM2.7672..... **Page 28**

SPORT

Football: Roy Hodgson, the Internazionale manager who is to take over at Blackburn Rovers next season, was believed to have quit the Italian club........ **Page 48**

Golf: There is a festival air at Wentworth for the Volvo PGA Championship because everyone who is anyone in golf in Europe is there for one of the best competitive weeks of the year........ **Page 48**

Rugby union: Scott Quinnell will replace Tim Rodber, who is ill, in the British Isles team for the opening tour match against an Eastern Province invitation XV...... **Page 44**

Racing: After making a splash at Newmarket and in the Derby preamble, Michael Stoute is turning his attention to the classics at the Curragh........ **Page 45**

Glossy pop: For all its production polish, Gary Barlow's solo debut album is a workaday affair that does nothing to halt comparisons with George Michael........ **Page 32**

A lad quite sane: Not all pop stars are brain-dead drug addicts, says Caitlin Moran; some of the very biggest names are quietly getting on with their lives........ **Page 32**

Flock together: Britain's biggest *Swan Lake* opens at the Albert Hall on Thursday with 70 swans, 250 costumes, and the world's best Odette-Odile, Altynai Asylmuratova........ **Page 33**

Tutte fruity: Rodney Milnes endures a "mysteriously horrible evening" in Leeds at Opera North's new production of *Così fan tutte*........ **Page 34**

Eastern turmoil: Jonathan Mirsky reports on how the murder of a kidnapped teenage girl is threatening the political stability of an island nation in the Far East........ **Page 18**

Uncharitable: Lady Parker left the charity Refuge because her work on behalf of parents falsely accused of abusing their children was said to be incompatible. Interview by Valerie Grove........ **Page 19**

Oddity: Odysseus looks like a New York panhandler, Cyclops like a sumo wrestler and the sea nymph Calypso is played by a former Miss America. Tunku Varadarajan is stunned by the American tele-series version of *The Odyssey*........ **Page 19**

Hatching plans: How Labour will replace the nursery voucher scheme introduced by the Tories........ **Page 37**

Good University Guide: Cambridge again heads *The Times* league table. John O'Leary assesses the results........ **Pages 38, 39**

Russia's swift apology for an incident in which a plane carrying a Chechen delegation to an international conference was forced to land by Russian fighter jets is a pleasing sign of growing goodwill between the two former enemies

— *The Moscow Times*

Preview: Cybill Shepherd returns as the actress juggling career, children and former husbands. *Cybill* (Channel 4, 9pm) **Review:** Peter Barnard watches television with nothing on........ **Pages 46, 47**

Dutch auction

Mr Blair's problem is that his colleagues may be unprepared to take no for the real answer........ **Page 21**

A touch of hubris

Mr Brown should try to mend fences with the Governor. He might even offer a private apology. In the spirit with which this Government was elected, a little modesty and humanity would not now go amiss........ **Page 21**

Food for thought

The global challenge is as important for Cambridge and Oxford as it is for less prestigious bodies. Light and Dark Blues may remain on top for the moment. But, unlike the Boat Race, neither at home nor abroad is the contest restricted to two participants........ **Page 21**

MATTHEW PARRIS

In attacking John Major as a trimmer, William Hague has proved himself a trimmer. Calling for boldness because he was under pressure to look bold, he has shown a yellow streak I never knew he had........ **Page 20**

PHILIP HOWARD

I was once given a personal organiser, but I left it on the Underground the same day while absorbed in the crossword. Perhaps some test-tube could clone Howard Davies so that each of us philosopher-kings could have our own personal regulator........ **Page 20**

JOHN LLOYD

The largest question in politics is in Labour's hands now. Will we, and when will we, join the economic and monetary union?........ **Page 20**

Noel Browne, former Minister of Health and socialist politician in Ireland; **Peter Snape**, headmaster; **Giuseppe De Santis**, Italian film director........ **Page 23**

Labour's promises on mental health; "fairness" in a devolution referendum; Channel Tunnel safety; Mohammed Sarwar........ **Page 21**

TOMORROW

IN THE TIMES

■ MAGAZINE
Forget polka dots — bikinis this season are writhing with *snakeskin and chains*

■ WEEKEND
Summer should be lido time. Why then are so many being demolished, closed or left to rot?

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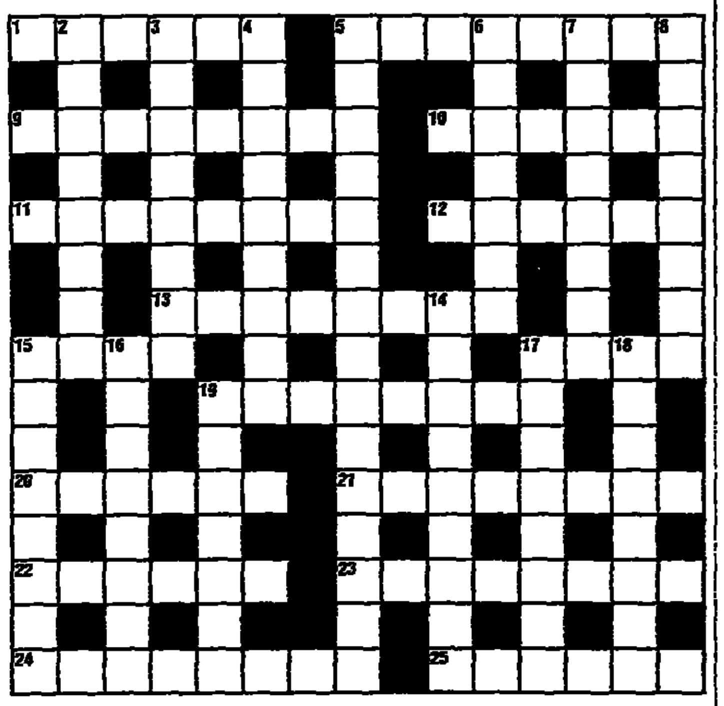

ACROSS

1 Book starts to question usual attitudes regarding the old (6).
5 I don't believe you live in harmony (5,5).
9 Rower seated on thwart — this could give rise to quarrels (8).
10 Primarily, frozen stiff (6).
11 Fortune-teller has succeeded in portraying David (8).
12 Illegally take man, perhaps, in juvenile game (6).
13 Leaflet — one about physiotherapists' practice (8).
15 Monster conger eel oddly depleted (4).
17 Interpret the sound made by wind instrument (4).
19 Chap with passion for publicity (8).
20 School in distress (6).
21 Trade Union to get money from Iran for instruction (8).
22 Could I still, if only in part, concentrate? (6).
23 Show extreme dislike in statements made in court (8).
24 Woman informally allowed to return message (8).
25 Piggish king eyed askance (6).

DOWN

2 Forcing university to start revolution (8).
3 Determined to produce notes on instrument (8).
4 Accompaniment disturbed Gobbi a lot (9).
5 Follow current trend (2,4,3,6).
6 Complain about a rule to the Speaker (7).
7 Reformed a region's regiment (8).
8 Section of theatre put up heartfelt valediction (8).
14 Pearls may be controlled (2,1,6).
15 Exactly where girl's marriage prospects could depend (2,3,3).
16 Rare slip could produce such an aggressive response (8).
17 Salvage most of River Tees wreck (8).
18 Lent is well on (8).
19 To hold on, to hold on — that's duplication (7).

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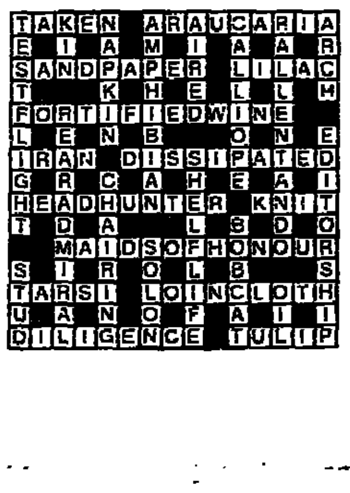

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☐ **General:** Southwest England and South Wales will be cloudy with outbreaks of rain, perhaps heavy. Other parts of south and west England and Wales will be cloudy but generally dry, with the cloud gradually thinning from the north. Other areas will be bright and dry. The east, however, will stay cloudy.

Most parts of Scotland and Northern Ireland will have a dry, bright day with sunny periods. Parts of eastern Scotland will be cloudier and may have an occasional shower.

☐ **London, SE England, Central S England, E Midlands, W Midlands, N Wales:** cloudy, mainly dry. Brightening from north. Wind moderate or fresh, easterly. Max 15C (59F)

☐ **E Anglia, E England, N England, Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, NE Scotland, Orkney, Shetland:** cloudy, sunny intervals inland. Isolated coastal showers. Winds light or moderate, northeast. Max 13C (55F).

☐ **Channel Isles, S Wales, SW England:** cloudy, rain or drizzle at times. Winds moderate, easterly. Max 15C (59F).

☐ **NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man, Central N England, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Moray Firth, Argyll, NW Scotland, N Ireland:** dry and bright, sunny periods. Winds light, northeast. Max 15C (59F).

☐ **Outlook for Saturday and Sunday:** most places dry and settled with some sunshine. Chilly easterly winds in the south.

☐ **Pollen:** low in all areas except South Wales, Southeast England, Central South England and the Midlands, where the level will rise to moderate in sunny spells.

AROUND BRITAIN YESTERDAY

24 hrs to 5 pm: b=bright; c=cloud; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; du=dull; f=fair; fg=fog; g=gale; h=hail; r=rain; sh=shower; sl=sleet; sn=snow; s=sun; t=thunder

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Aberdeen	1.5	0.01	10	50	c
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Belfast	6.3	0.01	14	57	s
Birmingham	0.1	0.01	11	52	r
Bognor R	0.1	0.03	14	57	c
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Cleethorpes	5.3	-	12	54	b
Colwyn Bay	-	0.02	11	52	c
Cromer	2.2	0.01	11	52	b
Dunbar	10.8	-	10	50	
Eastbourne	7.7	-	14	57	
Edinburgh	6.4	-	11	52	s
Eskdalemuir	3.7	-	10	50	b
Exmouth	2.3	0.02	12	54	du
Fishguard	0.7	0.06	11	52	r
Folkestone	2.2	-	13	55	c
Glasgow	4.2	-	12	54	b
Guernsey	11.9	0.01	18	64	s
Hastings	1.3	0.01	13	55	c
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Herne Bay	5.5	-	13	55	b
Hove	3.5	-	14	57	c
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Isle of Man	8.4	-	13	55	s
Jersey	8.0	0.01	19	66	s
Kinloss	3.4	0.13	10	50	b
Leeds	0.5	0.01	13	55	c
Lerwick	1.9	0.04	9	48	sh
Leuchars	3.5	-	10	50	c
Littlehmptn	0.5	0.01	13	55	sh
London	0.6	-	14	57	c
Lowestoft	1.3	0.04	12	54	sh
Manchester	0.9	0.01	12	54	c
Margate	6.7	-	14	57	b
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Morecambe	3.4	-	13	55	b
Newcastle	5.1	0.01	11	52	sh
Norwich	0.1	0.01	12	54	c
Oxford	X				
Penzance	X				
Poole	-	0.10	13	55	c
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Ross-o-wye	-	0.06	11	52	d
Ryde	0.3	0.05	13	55	b
Salcombe	6.7	-	16	61	s
Sandown	-	0.24	13	55	sh
Saunton Snd	3.0	0.10	16	61	c
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Southend	4.2	-	14	57	b
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Teignmouth	1.8	0.11	14	57	sh
Tenby	1.4	0.08	12	54	sh
Tiree	13.0	-	12	54	s
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Akrotiri	22	72	s	C'phagn	5	41	f
Alex'dria	26	79	s	Dublin	12	54	c
Algiers	23	73	s	Dubrovnik	24	75	s
Amst'dm	16	61	f	Faro	19	66	s
Athens	27	81	s	Florence	25	77	s
B Aires	15	59	d	Frankfurt	16	61	c
Bahrain	38	100	s	Funchal	20	68	f
Bangkok	32	90	f	Geneva	13	55	f
Barbados	30	86	f	Gibraltar	23	73	s
Barcelona	24	75	f	Helsinki	9	48	f
Beirut	24	75	f	Hong K	23	73	c
Belgrade	27	81	f	Innsbrck	20	68	s
Berlin	17	63	f	Istanbul	24	75	s
Bermuda	23	73	f	Jeddah	37	99	s
Biarritz	17	63	f	Jo'burg	20	68	f
Bordo'x	18	64	c	L Angels	20	68	s
Brussels	14	57	f	L Palmas	22	72	s
Budapest	21	70	f	Le Touqt	15	59	f
Cairo	31	88	s	Lisbon	21	70	f
Cape Tn	17	63	c	Locarno	21	70	f
Ch church	10	50	X	Luxembg	11	52	c
Chicago	13	55	s	Luxor	37	99	s
Cologne	15	59	r	Madrid	22	72	f
Majorca	24	75	s	Rome	19	66	f
Malaga	27	81	s	S Frisco	19	66	s
Malta	28	82	s	S Paulo	26	79	f
Melb'rne	15	59	s	Salzburg	19	66	c
Mexico C	19	66	f	Santiago	12	54	s
Miami	33	91	s	Seoul	19	66	c
Milan	25	77	f	Sing'pr	33	91	f
Montreal	13	55	fg	S'kholm	11	52	c
Moscow	9	48	f	Strasb'rg	18	64	c
Munich	17	63	f	Sydney	19	66	c
N Delhi	37	99	s	Tangier	21	70	f
N York	16	61	s	Tel Aviv	27	81	s
Nairobi	23	73	f	Tenerife	24	75	s
Naples	25	77	f	Tokyo	20	68	f
Nice	20	68	s	Toronto	12	54	c
Oslo	11	52	c	Tunis	27	81	s
Paris	13	55	r	Valencia	25	77	f
Peking	26	79	s	Vanc'ver	16	61	s
Perth	18	64	s	Venice	24	75	f
Prague	17	63	s	Vienna	21	70	f
Reykjavik	7	45	c	Warsaw	17	63	r
Rhodes	26	79	s	Wash'ton	17	63	f
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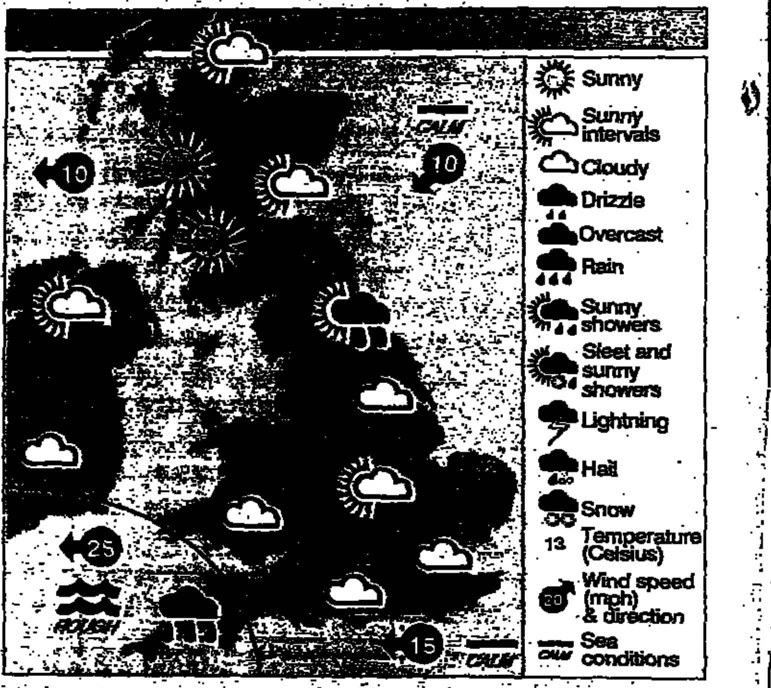

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Avonmouth	08.36	13.0	20.58	13.3	Lowestoft	10.55	2.5	23.15	2.4
Belfast	00.10	3.3	12.30	3.3	Margate	01.12	4.6	13.34	4.7
Cardiff	08.22	12.1	20.44	12.2	Milford Haven	07.36	6.8	19.57	6.8
Devonport	07.16	5.4	19.35	5.5	Newquay	06.27	6.8	18.48	6.9
Dover	00.03	6.5	12.24	6.6	Oban	07.02	3.8	19.30	3.9
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Falmouth	06.46	5.2	19.06	5.3	Portland	08.24	1.9	20.42	2.1
Greenock	02.03	3.2	14.07	3.1	Portsmouth	00.28	4.5	12.52	4.5
Harwich	01.09	3.9	13.30	4.0	Shoreham	00.17	6.1	12.41	6.0
Holyhead	11.48	5.4	-	-	Southampton	-	-	12.14	4.4
Hull (Albert D)	07.43	8.5	20.04	8.4	Swansea	07.46	9.2	20.04	9.3
Ilfracombe	07.22	9.0	19.43	9.1	Tees	04.57	5.3	17.19	5.3
King's Lynn	07.48	6.6	20.08	6.5	Walton-on-N	01.03	4.0	13.22	4.1

All times BST. Heights in metres.

Sun rises: 4.58 am
Sun sets: 8.57 pm
Moon sets: 6.10 am
Moon rises: 9.57 pm
Last quarter May 29

London 8.57 pm to 4.57 am
Bristol 9.07 pm to 5.07 am
Edinburgh 9.33 pm to 4.45 am
Manchester 9.16 pm to 4.56 am
Penzance 9.13 pm to 5.25 am

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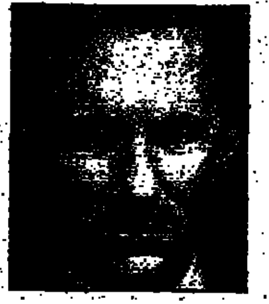

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FRIDAY MAY 23 1997

Brown's treatment of Governor prompts anger in City

George: considered resigning

By Jill Sherman and Robert Miller

SENIOR City bankers are furious at the way the Governor of the Bank of England has been treated by the new Government and are insistent that he should not be forced to resign.

The row erupted this week when it became clear that Eddie George, the Governor, was "very angry" at the way in which he was told only 24 hours before the Chancellor announced on Tuesday that he would transfer the supervision of UK banks from the Bank to the beefed-up Securities and Investments Board.

Mr George was assured in a private letter from Mr Brown two weeks ago that changes to bank supervision would not happen immediately and that there would be full consultation beforehand. Mr George then briefed senior Bank directors and reassured the 425 staff working in the supervision department.

Mr George has not denied that he considered resigning, but added that such thoughts "went away very quickly". However, a senior Minister is believed to want the Governor replaced, and is reported to have said he has "played into our hands".

Lord Alexander of Weedon, chairman of NatWest Bank group, said: "I think Eddie George has been an excellent Governor and the fact that the Bank has been granted operational independence is a reflection of his skills. His reputation among international central banks is as a serious professional banker.

"I can see no reason whatsoever why his term should be brought prematurely to an end and very solid reasons why he should stay on for another term. If he were to go, it would create uncertainty as to whether the Government has the approporiate judgment."

Another senior banker said: "If Mr George were not such a splendid public servant he would have resigned on Monday. To expect someone to behave well when you are behaving badly is the height of ill manners."

Peter Birch, chief executive of Abbey National, said: "Eddie George is an outstanding Governor and he will just take a little time to adapt to the massive changes that were sprung on him without warning."

The Treasury yesterday dismissed reports that Gavyn Davies, chief economist at Goldman Sachs, is set to become the next Governor of the Bank of England.

Mr Davies, a close friend of both Mr Brown and Tony Blair, had been tipped to become one of the two new deputies at the Bank and a front-runner to succeed Mr George whose contract expires next June. But Mr Davies is rumoured to have told Gordon Brown that he would only accept the job as deputy if he received a commitment that he would replace Mr George.

Treasury sources were yesterday playing down suggestions that Mr Davies will be one of the two new deputies. They argued that the decision did not have to be taken until the Bank of England Bill had reached the statute books.

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BUSINESS TODAY

STOCK MARKET INDICES

FTSE 100	4651.8	(+9.8)
Yield	3.52%	
FTSE All share	2212.7	(+3.49)
Nikkei	19877.39	(+35.41)
New York:		
Dow Jones	7262.25	(-28.44)*
S&P Composite	836.93	(-2.24)*

US RATE

Federal Funds	5 7/16%*	(5 [illegible]/16%)
Long Bond	95 [illegible]/32*	(95 [illegible]/32)
Yield	6.99%*	(6.96%)

LONDON MONEY

3-mth Interbank	6 7/16%	(6 7/16%)
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STERLING

New York:		
$	1.6283*	(1.6455)
London:		
$	1.6345	(1.6487)
DM	2.7677	(2.7945)
FFr	9.3184	(9.4116)
SFr	2.3054	(2.3290)
Yen	189.49	(188.34)
£ Index	98.4	(99.1)

DOLLAR

London:		
DM	1.6955*	(1.6930)
FFr	5.7065*	(5.7020)
SFr	1.4125*	(1.4080)
Yen	115.90*	(114.35)
$ Index	102.1	(101.5)

Tokyo close Yen 115.83

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent 15-day (Aug)	$20.30	($20.15)

GOLD

London close	$342.75	($342.55)

* denotes midday trading price

Going east

PowerGen, Britain's second biggest generator, is pumping £421 million into Far Eastern power projects but still wants to pitch for a regional electricity company in the UK. However, the company remained quiet on the impending windfall tax. Page 26, Tempus 28

Unsporting

Heavy spending by parents on branded sportswear for older children is eating into the money available for clothes for the under-fives, Storehouse said. Page 27

Beckett overrules OFT on railway franchises

By Fraser Nelson and Arthur Leathley

MARGARET BECKETT, President of the Board of Trade, yesterday overruled John Bridgeman, Director-General of Fair Trading, and refered to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission the award of two train franchises to National Express, the largest railway operator.

It was the first time for six years a deal has been referred to the MMC against the director-general's advice. A spokeswoman for Mr Bridgeman said that there was no question of him resigning.

Mr Bridgeman ruled that the award of ScotRail and Central Trains to National Express, which receives £525 million a year in subsidy, did not pose a serious competitive threat. The director-general, who waved through the Central Trains franchise, suggested National Express should divest its Scottish Citylink bus network to avoid a referral. The service is Scotland's largest coach network.

In the West Midlands, where Central Trains runs, National Express owns Travel West Midland — which commands 70 per cent of the bus routes in the region.

The move astonished the City, who had considered the National Express deals beyond jurisdiction. Shares of National Express fell by 28½p, to 490½p, as did shares of every other rail operating companies, wiping £97 million from the value of the sector.

Mrs Beckett has the power *to refer four other franchises:* North London Railways, also run by National Express; North West Regional Railways, jointly run by FirstBus; Regional Railways North East, run by MTL; and West Coast Railways, which is being run by Virgin.

Colin Child, finance director of National Express, said he was astonished by the news, which came as the company announced it was spending £39 million on 13 new train sets for its Midland Mainline franchise. Much of this work goes to Adtranz, which is located in Mrs Beckett's Derby constituency.

Mr Child said: "There is not one shread of evidence to suggest that we have operated any of our networks against the public interest. We have reduced prices and improved services."

The group's five rail comanies will receive state subsidies of £525 million this year, making National Express the most heavily subsidised company since the days of nationalisation.

Bridgeman: not resigning

Mrs Beckett's decision reflects concern over the control of the privatised rail network at a time when Labour is preparing tougher regulation of railway franchises.

Yesterday Glenda Jackson, the Transport Minister, said in a Commons written reply that John O'Brien, the rail franchising director, is to review his enforcement powers. She said: "We believe that the tools presently available to regulators are inadequate and have already begun to seek ways of strengthening them in the interests of passengers."

Although Government sources insisted that Mrs Beckett was not attempting to influence the MMC, they conceded that her move indicated "real concerns" about a company running coach and rail services in the same area. However, they insisted that the move did not mark the beginning of a more general trend to refer other franchises to the MMC.

The move came as John Prescott, the Deputy Prime Minister with responsibility for transport, has pressed the rail regulators to tighten their *own control both of train-*operating companies and of Railtrack, the company in charge of track and stations. Mr Prescott is preparing a White Paper on regulation in advance of planned legislation likely to be introduced next year.

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Beckett: real concern over control of privatised network

CBI forecasts 3.1% growth and 7% rates

By Alasdair Murray

THE Confederation of British Industry yesterday predicted that Britain would enjoy two years of robust economic growth but that interest rates would climb to 7 per cent to head off rising inflation.

The CBI's "sunny" outlook was backed up by new official data that showed strong retail sales growth and above-trend GDP growth.

The CBI increased its quarterly forecast for GDP growth to 3.1 per cent this year and 2.7 per cent in 1998. But it predicted that the newly independent Bank of England would raise interest rates to 6.75 per cent by the end of this year and to 7 per cent in early 1998, unless the pound remains at its present high levels.

The pound's strength is expected to ensure inflation falls to 2.1 per cent by the end of this year but the CBI forecasts that it will rise steadily throughour 1998 to hit a high of 2.8 per cent.

The retail sales figures for *April were complicated by a* series of revisions to past data that left monthly volume growth at 0.1 per cent while the annual rate surged to 4.7 per cent from 4.4 per cent in March. The less volatile quarterly figures showed retail sales remaining strong although the annual rate of increase dipped slightly from 4.6 per cent to 4.5 per cent in the three months to the end of April.

The first-quarter GDP figures were revised slightly downwards from 1 per cent to 0.9 per cent but the annual rate remained unchanged at 3 per cent.

The beakdown of the figures showed continuing strong service sector growth, up 1.2 per cent in the quarter, contrasting with weak manufacturing growth of just 0.6 per cent. But there was an unexpected improvement in investment expenditure, which rose 3.3 per cent quarter on quarter, the largest increase since 1989.

Adam Cole, UK economist at HSBC James Capel, said the Bank of England would view the retail sales and GDP data as further evidence of the need to make an immediate *rate rise unless there is fiscal* tightening in the mini-Budget.

The separate publication of the CBI's monthly trends survey showed the pound continuing to hurt manufacturers.

Titan plans return to UK through Internet

By Robert Miller

TITAN, the controversial and illegal money-making scheme that took more than £17 million from 12,000 investors last year is poised to return to the UK.

Inquiries by *The Times* have established that Titan III has set up an operation at Aalsmeer in The Netherlands and plans to use the Internet to contact British investors. It is understood that investigators at the Department of Trade and Industry have been alerted to the new scheme.

A spokeswoman for the DTI said last *night:* "I cannot confirm or deny that we are investigating Titan III although if anyone has any information about this we would ask them to forward it to our investigations department."

A letter to former members who last year signed up to the Titan Business Club and a US version, Titan International LLC, before they were closed down, says: "The Stalinist approach of the DTI has denied you the opportunity as a member of one or other of these entities to earn the commission that you are entitled to."

Under the old Titan schemes members paid between £2,500 *and* £3,000 to join and recouped their fee by recruiting others and earning a commission on each new member.

Patrick Minford, the economist and former member of the Treasury's panel of "wise men", was retained as an adviser to the old Titan schemes. He said yesterday that he had "absolutely no links" with the planned new scheme.

Web Guide, a Dutch company which sets up web sites on the Internet for clients, confirmed that Titan had registered at the request of a Mrs Humphreys.

Eurotunnel boost over freight go-ahead

By Jason Nissé

EUROTUNNEL received a boost to its plans to restructure £2.2 billion of debts when the Anglo-French Inter-Governmental Commission said that it would allow freight services to resume *through the Channel Tunnel from the* middle of next month. Services have been supended since the tunnel fire last November.

The IGC, a joint body that administers the tunnel, said Eurotunnel would have to conduct a number of safety checks set out in a report from the joint safety committee last week. If these cleared Eurotunnel, the *Le Shuttle* freight service could start again on June 15, a month later than Eurotunnel had orginally hoped.

The safety commitee criticised Eurotunnel on 36 points but said that it could operate freight services in open carriages with covering lattices. The clearance is essential to Eurotunnel, which needs to get traffic and revenue back up to pre-fire levels to meet the conditions of its deal with banks to cut £2.2 billion from its debts of £8.7 billion.

The refinancing deal has been passed by a steering group of bankers but only goes before shareholders on July 10. The meeting, in Paris, is expected to be difficult for Eurotunnel with at least two French shareholder groups saying they might oppose the refinancing.

Eurotunnel is also pressing the *British and French Governments* for an extension to the franchise to operate the tunnel, which has 65 years to run. Robert Malpas, Eurotunnel's joint chairman, said that extending the franchise might persuade more shareholders to vote in favour of the deal.

Really Useful chief deemed no longer useful

By Jon Ashworth

ANDREW Lloyd Webber, the millionaire composer of award-winning musicals such as *Cats* and *Phantom of the Opera*, has fired his long-time financial adviser and confidante in a row over business strategy. Patrick McKenna, chairman and chief executive of The Really Useful Group, which looks after Lloyd Webber productions worldwide, was ousted earlier this week. Bill Taylor, the chief financial officer, has been made acting chief executive until a more permanent successor is appointed. Lord Lloyd-Webber is said to be keeping a "watching brief" on developments.

Mr McKenna, 40, was formerly head of media and entertainments at Deloitte & Touche, the accountant, where he looked after the tax *affairs of Annie Lennox, Phil* Collins and Sir Cliff Richard. An adviser to Lord Lloyd-Webber since the late 1970s, he was hired full-time in 1990, when Really Useful was taken private after an unsuccessful stint on the stock market.

Mr McKenna was paid more than £7 million in 1994, and is thought to have earned £20 million in the past five years. *Signs of a rift emerged* in March, when Lord Lloyd-Webber hired John Reid, long-time adviser to Elton John, as his personal business manager. Mr McKenna, who had ambitious plans for Really Useful, including a leisure complex in Las Vegas, was given until the end of April to come up with a workable business plan.

Mr McKenna was unavailable for comment yesterday. The company issued a statement, saying: "We are happy that Really Useful is in the safe hands of Bill Taylor until we are in a position to announce our new CEO."

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PowerGen spends £421m on stakes in two Far East plants

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

POWERGEN, the country's second-biggest generator, yesterday pumped £421 million into Far Eastern power projects but said that it could still pitch for a regional electricity company in the UK.

The company, which kept silent on the impending windfall tax, is eager to set in place a rounded strategy in energy, with involvement at every stage in the process. Last year it was blocked from buying Midlands Electricity when the Government overturned a Monopolies and Mergers Commission recommendation.

Ed Wallis, executive chairman, said PowerGen would look "very seriously" at buying a regional company if conditions allowed. It is thought that the Government may look more favourably on allowing generators to buy regional companies in the spirit of supporting companies that could become national champions. Only Southern Electric, which had been targeted by National Power, remains independent but American owners of other regional businesses are rumoured to want to re-sell.

PowerGen's new overseas investments are a 40 per cent stake in an Indonesian coal-fired power station, at a cost of £159 million, and a 30 per cent interest, costing £262 million, in a coal plant in Thailand. Deryk King, managing director, said the company aims to deliver £100 million in operating profits from international operations by 2001.

The generator is under pressure to grow business outside the UK as its domestic market share falls. PowerGen has 21.6 per cent of the electricity market after it was forced to sell power stations to promote competition. That share is set to slip further as more independent power plants start production. But Mr Wallis said, after talks with the regulator, that he did not believe the generator faced further enforced sales, in spite of a recommendation by the Trade and Industry Committee that competition in generation should be scrutinised.

PowerGen, whose windfall tax submission to the Treasury is believed to echo National Power's argument that taxpayers have enjoyed benefits from the two-stage sale of the generators, refused to say whether it would fight a tough tax through the courts.

For the year to March 31, PowerGen had a £69 million gain on the sale of its stake in Midlands Electricity but also took a £98 million accelerated depreciation charge on some of its stations. Pre-tax profits, before exceptionals, rose 2 per cent to £575 million.

The final dividend, due July 31, was set at 17.4p, making a total of 25.2p, up 19 per cent.

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Pattullo attacks regional tax for Scotland

BY JASON NISSÉ

ONE of Scotland's most senior bankers has launched a savage attack on Labour plans to give tax-raising powers to any future Edinburgh parliament.

Sir Bruce Pattullo, Governor of the Bank of Scotland, said in his bank's annual report that Scottish business would be disadvantaged if tax was raised from Edinburgh.

"Any form of additional regional tax can only handicap Scottish business and commerce and discourage vital investment by UK and overseas companies," wrote Sir Bruce. "The entire Scottish electorate will need to think very seriously about the risk of adverse consequences from any such tax."

The attack, which the Bank said reflected the policy of Scotland's second-largest bank, comes ahead of the passage through Parliament early next month of the bill to allow a referendum on the devolution plans. Any referendum is expected to be in the autumn. Sir Bruce's comments follow other attacks from Scottish business leaders, notably Brian Stewart of Scottish Courage, who said that a higher tax rate could prevent Scottish firms from hiring top staff and scare off investment north of the border.

However, Labour had thought it has won the support of the Scottish financial community, with firms including Standard Life and Scottish Widows being mentioned as supporters of devolution during the election campaign. Many of the Scottish financial companies, including Bank of Scotland, are headquartered within the constituency of Alastair Darling, Chief Secretary to the Treasury.

Sir Bruce also questioned Labour's ability to collect the tax — expected to add up to 3p in the pound to income tax rates. He said the proposal was controversial and that "many serious collection, administrative and motivational problems remain hidden".

He suggested that Labour may turn to a sales tax, something which has been rejected by Henry McLeish, the Scottish Office Minister.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Insurance warning for motorists

THE Department of Trade and Industry has warned motorists to check their insurance policies after the discovery of an unauthorised company trading on the Lloyd's market. Drivers who have taken out policies through Eastern Star Motor Policies or SOS Insurance Services, both of which are supposed to be in east London, are driving uninsured. Eastern Star is not authorised to carry on insurance business in the UK and is registered at an address in Gracechurch Street which does not exist. SOS is registered at an accommodation address in St Georges Road.

A spokesman for the DTI said vehicle owners holding a cover note or certificate issued by, or in the name of Eastern Star, should contact their insurance adviser. Police are understood to have launched an investigation.

Downgrading hits Reed

SHARES of Reed International, joint owner of the Reed Elsevier publishing group, fell 18p to 607½p yesterday after a downgrading by Merrill Lynch, the Wall Street investment firm. The fall also came after a federal court ruling in New York that may affect trading at Lexis-Nexis, Reed Elsevier's on-line publisher of legal material. The ruling removed much of the copyright protection claimed by West Publishing, a Thomson subsidiary, whose material is distributed on Lexis-Nexis.

American-BA link hope

AMERICAN AIRLINES plans to go ahead with some kind of partnership with British Airways even if regulators block an alliance. Bob Crandall, chairman of AMR, parent company of American, told the annual shareholders' meeting in Dallas that, under the current UK-US bilateral agreement, "we can do a big piece of what we seek to do, without any new approvals". Regulators in Washington, London and Brussels are currently assessing the BA-American link-up.

CIA Group acquisition

CIA GROUP, the advertising media specialist media buyer, is acquiring the MarMedia Group, with offices in Sweden, Norway and Denmark, for a maximum £29.6 million in cash and shares. The purchase will be part funded from the proceeds of a £17 million share placing and open offer. MarMedia earned aggregate profits of £5.1 million before tax and exceptional items last year on turnover of £250 million. The company is placing new shares at 150p each.

Southnews adds papers

SOUTHNEWS, the local newspaper publisher, has added the *Asian Times* and *Caribbean Times* to its stable. The group, which also owns *Eastern Eye* and publishes 35 paid-for and free papers in and around London, yesterday reported record profits. Pre-tax profits rose 88 per cent to £6.3 million (£3.4 million) in the year to March 29. A final dividend of 5.5p (4.05p) a share, due on August 1, makes a total of 7.75p (5.81p) from earnings of 26.61p (14.62p).

Vibroplant to buy

VIBROPLANT, the plant hire company, has agreed to buy Torrent (Rugeley), a tool hire busiess, for a maximum consideration of £9.95 million in cash and shares. In the year to September 30, 1996, Torrent earned pre-tax profits of £1.05 million on sales of £2.54 million. Vibroplant is further reducing costs with measures that will cost about £875,000. It expects to pay a final of 2.65p, maintaining the total at 4.05p.

Labour 'to allow' sale of warships

BY OLIVER AUGUST

BRITAIN'S lucrative warship sales would not be threatened by the Government's emphasis on human rights when granting export licenses, Vosper Thornycroft said yesterday.

The company, one of three UK warship yards, said Labour ministers would promote arms sales to the Middle and Far East, whatever the public rhetoric. Martin Jay, chief executive, said: "The countries we export to have nothing to fear from Labour." Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary, is due to announce export guidelines for arms sales.

Last year Vosper delivered two fast strike craft to Qatar, a second corvette to Oman and a minehunter to Saudi Arabia, then the focus of human rights protesters.

Mr Jay is waiting to meet Lord Gilbert, the Defence Procurement Minister, but export licenses will not be a priority. Mr Jay will lobby for the extension of competitive tendering to warship refits.

For the year to March 31, Vosper reported pre-tax profits of £31 million, up 11 per cent, and a £116 million cash pile. Earnings per share rose to 61.9p from 57.9p, and the dividend rose 11 per cent to 26p, with a final of 18.5p.

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ADRIAN SHERRATT

Martin Jay: "We have nothing to fear from Labour"

Interflora rebels reject ballot plea

BY FRASER NELSON

REBEL florists who voted out the old board of Interflora have rejected a petition from 400 members of the bouquet delivery network demanding that the future of the association is put to a general vote.

The new board, which came to power on a show of hands at an emergency meeting two weeks ago, said yesterday that it will not proceed with a ballot of all the association's 2,800 members.

The decision infuriated the ousted board members, who claim that under the association's articles, a postal ballot must now be taken. They said in a statement: "This is a very sad day for Interflora. The new board's actions fly in the face of democracy and demonstrate a total disregard for the view of the members." They will decide on Tuesday whether to take the new board to court.

The dispute erupted over the former board's decision to raise annual membership fees while reducing the cost for each delivery transaction. Rebels, led by Bev Wood, a Leeds florist, argued this would squeeze out smaller sellers. There were also fears that the reforms mooted by the old board would lead the company to demutualisation and end up in a possible flotation.

Exchange returns £10m after cuts

BY ADAM JONES

THE Stock Exchange is returning £10 million to members after cutting costs by nearly a quarter last year.

The exchange's underlying income for the year to March 31, 1997, dropped from £196.1 million to £191.8 million, reflecting the loss of income from the transfer of settlement business from the paper-based Talisman system to Crest.

Progress in the exchange's massive efficiency drive, however, meant operating costs were down from £161.3 million to £122.4 million, leaving a pre-tax surplus of £25.3 million (£9.5 million). This enabled £17.1 million to be transferred to reserves, compared with £800,000 in the previous year.

Provisions of £41.5 million were also made against the cost of the exchange's restructuring and strategy change.

Many of the cost savings were made through staff cuts. At one point in the 1980s, the Exchange had about 3,500 employees. This has now been reduced to 750-725, and is soon to drop to 550.

Gavin Casey, chief executive, said: "This is the fourth year in a row we have reduced our costs." He is optimistic that the rate of new international listings will continue to rise.

Skye project costs are a bridge too far

THE National Audit Office has criticised one of the first Private Finance Initiative projects after a large overspend by a government department and a lack of comparison in bidding costs for the building of the bridge to the Isle of Skye (Christine Buckley writes).

The Scottish Office Development Department paid the developer £12 million towards the building of the bridge — twice the initial estimate of £6 million — although it said additional costs were difficult to avoid because of alterations stemming from a public inquiry. It was further hampered by having to negotiate costs with the developer, Miller Dywidag, because other bidders had withdrawn by the final stage of the bid.

The bridge was finished in 1995, six years after the project started. Sir John Bourn, Comptroller and Auditor-General, said lessons should be learnt from the Skye project although his office emphasised that it was an early PFI programme and is now being judged in the light of experience.

In the NAO's first investigation into PFI work Sir John said a number of procedures could have been implemented better.

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells		Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.20	2.03	Malta	0.655	0.599
Austria Sch	20.40	18.85	Netherlds Gld	3.291	3.014
Belgium Fr	60.11	55.47	New Zealand $	2.51	2.28
Canada $	2.356	2.181	Norway Kr	12.07	11.20
Cyprus Cyp£	0.865	0.798	Portugal Esc	290.50	270.00
Denmark Kr	11.08	10.25	S Africa Rd	7.99	7.07
Finland Mkk	8.85	8.15	Spain Pta	244.00	226.50
France Fr	9.75	9.08	Sweden Kr	13.15	12.12
Germany Dm	2.92	2.69	Switzerland Fr	2.45	2.24
Greece Dr	466	429	Turkey Lira	236813	218290
Hong Kong $	13.37	12.24	USA $	1.731	1.598
Iceland	127	107			
Ireland Pt	1.13	1.05			
Israel Shk	5.88	5.23			
Italy Lira	2889	2687			
Japan Yen	203.50	187.00			

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New higher investment rates from 1 June 1997

	GROSS PA	GROSS MONTHLY	NET PA	NET MONTHLY
1 YEAR NOTICE ACCOUNT				
£100,000 and over	6.75%	6.55%	5.40%	5.24%
£50,000 to £99,999	6.25%	6.08%	5.00%	4.86%
£25,000 to £49,999	6.00%	5.84%	4.80%	4.67%
180 DAY NOTICE ACCOUNT				
£100,000 and over	6.50%	6.31%	5.20%	5.05%
£50,000 to £99,999	6.25%	6.08%	5.00%	4.86%
£20,000 to £49,999	5.85%	5.70%	4.68%	4.56%
£10,000 to £19,999	5.50%	5.37%	4.40%	4.30%
£5,000 to £9,999	5.00%	4.89%	4.00%	3.91%
90 DAY NOTICE ACCOUNT				
£100,000 and over	6.00%	5.84%	4.80%	4.67%
£50,000 to £99,999	5.65%	5.51%	4.52%	4.41%
£20,000 to £49,999	5.25%	5.13%	4.20%	4.10%
£10,000 to £19,999	4.75%	4.65%	3.80%	3.72%
£5,000 to £9,999	4.25%	4.17%	3.40%	3.34%
£2,500 to £4,999	3.50%	3.45%	2.80%	2.76%
30 DAY SAVINGS ACCOUNT				
£10,000 and over	4.50%	N/A	3.60%	N/A
£2,500 to £9,999	4.00%	N/A	3.20%	N/A
£500 to £2,499	3.50%	N/A	2.80%	N/A
PREMIUM DEPOSIT ACCOUNT				
£100,000 and over	5.50%	5.37%	4.40%	4.30%
£50,000 to £99,999	5.00%	4.89%	4.00%	3.91%
£20,000 to £49,999	4.50%	4.41%	3.60%	3.53%
£10,000 to £19,999	4.00%	3.93%	3.20%	3.14%
£5,000 to £9,999	3.50%	3.45%	2.80%	2.76%
£2,500 to £4,999	3.00%	2.96%	2.40%	2.37%
£1,000 to £2,499	2.50%	N/A	2.00%	N/A
£1 to £999	1.00%	N/A	0.80%	N/A
TESSA (Issue 2)				
All Amounts	7.00%	N/A	N/A	N/A
VARIABLE RATE FOLLOW UP TESSA				
All Amounts	7.00%	N/A	N/A	N/A
REGULAR SAVERS ACCOUNT*				
All Amounts	6.75%	N/A	5.40%	N/A
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All Amounts	5.50%	N/A	4.40%	N/A
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£5,000 and over	3.75%	N/A	3.00%	N/A
£250 to £4,999	3.00%	N/A	2.40%	N/A
COMMUNITY ACCOUNT				
£5,000 and over	3.75%	N/A	3.00%	N/A
£250 to £4,999	3.00%	N/A	2.40%	N/A
COMBINED PORTFOLIO ACCOUNT (Instant Access Rates)				
£25,000 and over	8.25%	N/A	6.60%	N/A
£10,000 to £24,999	7.75%	N/A	6.20%	N/A
£1,000 to £9,999	7.00%	N/A	5.60%	N/A
Rates include a one-off 2% gross p.a. introductory bonus.				
DIRECT INSTANT ACCESS ACCOUNT				
£100,000 and over	6.50%	6.31%	5.20%	5.05%
£50,000 to £99,999	6.25%	6.08%	5.00%	4.86%
£25,000 to £49,999	6.00%	5.84%	4.80%	4.67%
£10,000 to £24,999	5.50%	5.37%	4.40%	4.30%
£2,000 to £9,999	5.00%	4.89%	4.00%	3.91%
£1,000 to £1,999	0.50%	0.50%	0.40%	0.40%
DIRECT 90 DAY NOTICE ACCOUNT				
£100,000 and over	6.75%	6.55%	5.40%	5.24%
£50,000 to £99,999	6.50%	6.31%	5.20%	5.05%
£25,000 to £49,999	6.25%	6.08%	5.00%	4.86%
£10,000 to £24,999	6.00%	5.84%	4.80%	4.67%

ACCOUNTS NOT AVAILABLE TO NEW INVESTORS

		GROSS PA	NET PA
TESSA (FIRST ISSUE)	All Amounts	6.50%	N/A
PAID UP SHARE ACCOUNT	£1,000 and over	1.50%	1.20%
	£1 to £999	1.00%	0.80%
PREMIUM SHARE ACCOUNT HALF YEARLY	£100,000 and over	5.43%	4.34%
	£50,000 to £99,999	4.94%	3.95%
	£20,000 to £49,999	4.45%	3.56%
	£10,000 to £19,999	3.96%	3.17%
	£5,000 to £9,999	3.47%	2.78%
	£2,500 to £4,999	2.98%	2.38%
	£1,000 to £2,499	2.48%	1.98%
	£1 to £999	1.00%	0.80%
PREMIUM SHARE ACCOUNT QUARTERLY	£100,000 and over	5.39%	4.31%
	£50,000 to £99,999	4.91%	3.93%
	£20,000 to £49,999	4.43%	3.54%
	£10,000 to £19,999	3.94%	3.15%
	£5,000 to £9,999	3.45%	2.76%
	£2,500 to £4,999	2.97%	2.38%
	£1,000 to £2,499	2.48%	1.98%
	£1 to £999	1.00%	0.80%

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Shareholders who have already sent in a Scrip Dividend Mandate form will be paid the Final Dividend in shares, and need do nothing more. Shareholders who would like to be paid in shares should phone PowerGen's Registrars on 0117 976 3005. The Registrars will supply the Terms and Conditions of the Scrip Dividend Plan and a Scrip Dividend Mandate form. They can also deal with any queries, and cancellations.

These are the important dates:

2 June 1997	PowerGen Shares begin to trade "ex dividend"
6 June 1997 5.00pm	The price of a New Share is available by phoning 0117 976 3005
6 June 1997	Shareholders on the register at close of business qualify for the 1996/97 Final Dividend
1 July 1997	The last date for Mandate forms or cancellations to be received by the Registrars
14 July 1997	Annual General Meeting
by 30 July 1997	Dividend Cheques and Certificates for New Shares posted
31 July 1997	Final Dividend paid. New Shares can be traded

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Second class on the Labour express

COMMENTARY
by our City Editor

It was Michael Heseltine who *promised* to intervene before breakfast, lunch and dinner; but yesterday the new President of the Board of Trade adopted a somewhat interventionist stance. Her decision to refer National Express's rail franchise acquisitions to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission was in complete defiance of the advice of the Office of Fair Trading.

John Bridgeman, the OFT's Director-General, should find a quiet corner to commiserate with Eddie George, another victim of *the new* Government's trampling tendencies.

The Governor of the Bank of England is being treated with near contempt by Chancellor *Gordon Brown and* his gang. The sin of giving the Governor barely 24-hours notice of a cataclysmic change in the Bank's role is now being compounded by a drip feed of rumours that he can forget any plans for a second term of office.

The much vaunted partnership which New Labour is pledged to establish with the business world is looking a trifle rocky after this dual attack.

To be fair to Mrs Beckett, she has made no secret of her wishes to tighten up competition policy, *and rail franchises* provide her with a publicly popular starting point. Bridgeman is graciously indicating that trains are a special case and he is not taking offence at being over-ridden. But even before the election, he had made clear his frustration at the OFT's lack of powers; he is unlikely to be enthused to see what power he does have subsumed in this manner.

His predecessor, Sir Bryan Carsberg, quit after finding the level of ministerial intervention in competition issues intolerable, and that was before the zealous Mrs B moved into office.

She can, at least, make a case for her actions being in the public interest but it is harder to see *how the fiasco over the Bank of* England can be portrayed as anything other than arrogance or ineptitude.

Poor Mr George, one of the world's more respected central bankers, was understandably furious about the short notice he was given of Chancellor Brown's planned changes. But he did not threaten to resign. There are now hints that certain Labour politicians may be keen to engineer just such a departure, although the motives are opaque. We can surely discount *stories* that their intention *is* to create a vacancy for the benefit of Gavyn Davies, a pet Labour economist, for his appointment in the wake of such stories would eliminate the idea of *an independent* Bank *of* England.

Luckily, Mr George is a sufficiently independent spirit for the recent turn of events to have ensured that resignation is not on his agenda.

However, the episode has stirred up uncertainty, not just at the Bank but in the financial markets. Mr Brown should be wary of believing that the Government can sweet talk the *money men as easily as it can* some parts of the business community.

Selling the right image

Storehouse has an image problem. Its penchant for changing finance directors *has not helped, and the bow ties* favoured by the current incumbent's predecessor, Terry Steele, coupled with his previous employment at Lloyd's Chemists *certainly raised eyebrows.* But the company insists that the figures should be allowed to speak, and they tell a reasonable tale.

Storehouse is not yet in the Marks & Spencer league, but it is now a focused business with two main brands: BhS and Mothercare. The former is growing at a reasonable rate and the indications are that it has found a recipe which will speed that up. *Stores which have been subjected* to the refurbishment, coyly dubbed Millennium stores, are showing double the growth rate of the rest of the chain. Sadly, the group's major London stores have not yet been given the full Millennium treatment, which contributes to the image problem: retail analysts do venture into shops occasionally, but they do not venture far from home.

Mothercare is a different story. The company has a host of excuses for why this once powerful brand saw sales fall over the *year and most of them have been* heard before. The message that they are enjoying some growth at the moment hits that image problem, since the company cannot explain why the excuses for the last twelve months no longer apply.

But it should be possible to rebuild Mothercare as the category killer it once was. Whether it was necessary to so generously relieve Boots of the problem of *Childrens World in order to do so* has yet to be proven.

Keith Edelman came to Storehouse with the reputation of a young man eager to do deals — another image problem for a business that clearly needed strong operational management after an eventful few years. Conranisation had been followed by the colourful reign of the banana-chewing American David Dworkin. Both knew a lot about image but neither were meant for the corporate long haul.

Edelman and his *chairman*, Alan Smith, survivor of a brief and uncomfortable stint discovering that Sir Geoffrey Mulcahy did not have need of a chief executive at Kingfisher, are now trying to tell the City that they know what is needed at Storehouse. The answer is simple: more sales.

Once they convince that they can produce them, the image problem should fade very fast.

Rough ride for transport shares

As the monopolies commission, as per instructions from its new boss, takes a look *at the ScotRail and Central* Trains franchises, it will have to judge whether combined rail and bus operators offer customers coordinated, improved transport services or give operators the chance for some predatory pricing. If the answer is "possibly" on both counts, then Mrs Beckett will not be slow to call for tighter regulation to try to secure the first without the second.

If restrictions meant that a few single-asset companies went bust and had to be run as public bodies again, well, that hardly *constitutes renationalisation,* does it?

National Express has indicated that it could certainly cope with a little more squeezing, and had already acceded to some of the demands of the OFT if its acquisitions were to proceed. But other, less well subsidised, companies could find it rather harder to accommodate a new, tougher pricingregime.

Transport company shares were already showing a wariness of the new Government and now have good reason to shudder.

If the monopolies commission takes the view that overlapping transport systems are undesirable for Scotland, then is that to be the view about the rest of the country?

And what if the inquiry in the *Midlands* takes in, as it must, those bus routes which provide almost two thirds of National Express's group profits — and decides such a monopoly is too powerful?

Up in smoke

☐ A NEW anti-smoking drug has just hit the pharmacists of the United States. Sadly, it cannot help those in the UK who are addicted to the dreaded weed. It seems that the Health Department refuses to designate smoking as a *disease. If* logic prevails, this attitude may soon change, in line with the government attitude to tobacco advertising. Glaxo, makers of the said drug, are not holding their breath.

BNB set for sharp drop in income

By Jon Ashworth

BNB Resources, the recruitment-to-training company that owns Norman Broadbent International (NBI), is braced for a sharp drop in income from headhunting activities.

A one-year cross-subsidy arrangement with former headhunting colleagues ended in March, depriving BNB of at least £1 million *in income. Former NBI* staff, including Miles Broadbent, co-founder of Norman Broadbent, were obliged to hand over 50 per cent of their earnings for 12 months, under a deal agreed with David Norman, chairman of BNB. This cushion has now ended, leaving BNB to make up the shortfall. Mr Broadbent and his former colleagues are thought to have handed over in excess of £1 million last year.

Journalists were excluded from yesterday's annual meeting of BNB shareholders. In a statement released to the market, Mr Norman described 1996 as "a year of significant reorganisation and, in aggregate, lower profitability", and said that 1997 profits would be more *heavily weighted* towards the second half, reflecting "slower progress" in executive search. He added: "We now rely proportionately *much less heavily upon the* contribution from Norman Broadbent."

Mr Norman, who was paid £627,000 last year, down from £765,000 in 1995, is likely to have faced questions about the substantial NBI staff departures, which saw operating income at NBI fall 33 per cent in the year to end-December. The fall came in *spite* of the cushioning effect of the cross-subsidy arrangement.

The *numbers* were boosted further by a full-year contribution from Goodman Graham, the IT recruitment specialist.

Mr *Norman's share of* NBI profits increased to £191,000 (£175,000), but his BNB performance bonus tumbled from £193,000 to £30,000, *leaving him with* an overall bonus of £221,000. He earned a basic salary of £380,000 in 1996.

Mothercare suffers as parents buy 'brands'

By Paul Durman

HEAVY spending by parents on branded sportswear for older children is eating into the money available for clothes for the under-fives, Storehouse claimed yesterday (See Commentary, this page).

Keith Edelman, chief executive of Storehouse, the owner *of Bhs and Mothercare, said:* "Some of the money that goes into 2- to 5-year-olds is going out to pay for some of the highly priced branded goods."

He said this was one reason why Mothercare failed to meet its targets last year. Although, operating profits moved ahead by 10.7 per cent to £26.8 million, sales growth was dependent of the strength of the international franchise business, where sales rose 27 per cent to £45.4 million. Mothercare's like-for-like sales — disclosed for the first time — fell by 3.3 per cent.

Mr Edelman said that Mothercare was trying to counter the competition from branded sportswear by redesigning its clothing along sim*ilar lines — for example,* a Thomas the Tank Engine sweatshirt that majored on the word "Thomas" and incorporated only a small logo.

Mr Edelman commented: "A 2- to 5-year-old does not really want to run around in Nike. He wants to run around in Thomas the Tank Engine or Postman Pat — but he wants to do it in a fashionable way."

Storehouse was reporting an 11 per cent fall in pre-tax profits from £109.9 million to £97.8 million in the 52 weeks to March 29. Group sales rose 15 per cent to £1.25 billion. The profits fall was because of the £16.4 million cost of restructuring Childrens World, bought from Boots last year, and a £5.1 million goodwill *writeback on the sale of Blazer*, the menswear chain. Retail operating profits rose 17 per cent to £119 million.

Bhs increased its profits by *14 per cent to £88.3 million.* A strong Christmas contributed to a 3.1 per cent rise in like-for-like sales.

Storehouse said it now had sufficient profits to invest £120 million this year in new stores, rolling out its "millennium" store fit to more branches of Bhs, and converting Childrens World to Mothercare World. This programme is expected to create 1,000 new jobs.

Storehouse intends to spend more than £50 million modernising its management information systems over the next three years.

The company said that group sales in the eight weeks to last Saturday were 15.5 per cent ahead of last year. UK sales at Bhs were *6.7 per cent up,* while Mothercare was 5.7 per cent ahead.

A final dividend of 4.8p will increase the total payout by 13 per cent to 8.1p a share.

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Graseby chief recruited by Balfour to boost margins

By Paul Durman

BALFOUR BEATTY is attempting to improve the margins of its UK construction activities by recruiting Paul Lester, chief executive of Graseby, the electronic instruments company.

Mr Lester, who has run Graseby for seven years, will be managing director of UK construction, which encompasses Balfour Beatty Con*struction, Haden Building* Services, the mechanical engineering business, and Balfour Kilpatrick, the electrical engineering contractor. He will report to Mike Welton, Balfour Beatty's chief executive.

Alan Jones, chief executive of BICC, the cables group that owns Balfour Beatty, is anxious to improve profit margins from the construction business. *Last year Balfour Beatty* made only £10 million of profit from £2.1 billion of sales. UK construction provides more than a third of this turnover.

Mr Lester, 47, had a chequered time at Graseby as the company struggled with declining defence spending and a variety of other problems. He said yesterday: "The one success I have had is getting the margins up from 3 per cent to over 10 per cent."

Balfour Beatty will pay Mr Lester more than the £184,000 salary he received from *Graseby last year. Mr Lester's* replacement at Graseby is John Hawkins, who was formerly president of Philips Media, a computer games and *CD-Rom business.*

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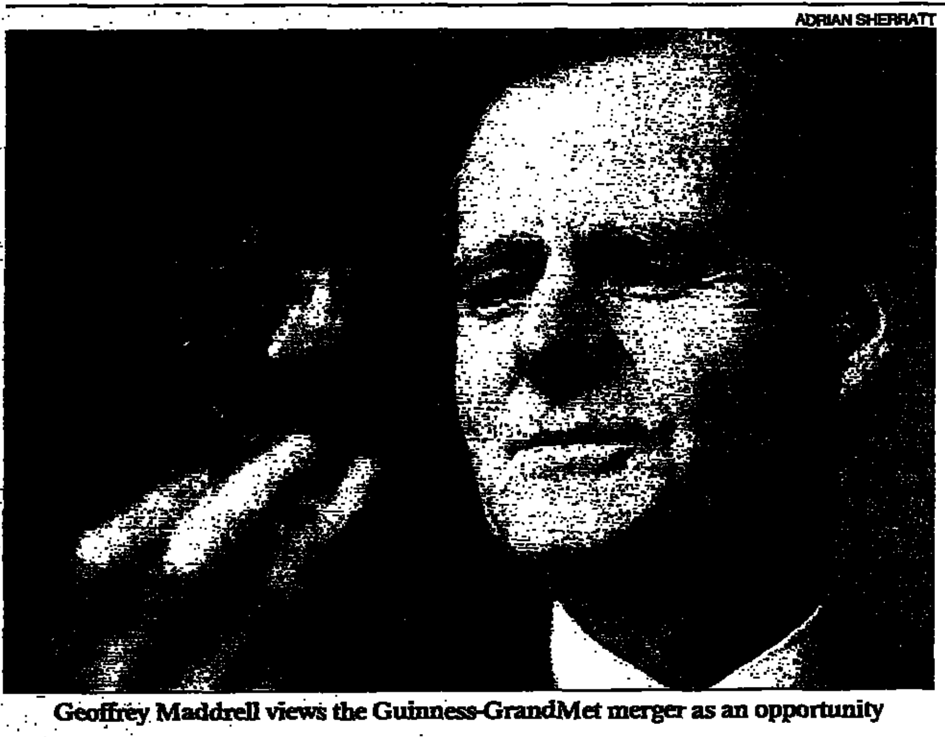
ADRIAN SHERRATT



Geoffrey Maddrell views the Guinness-GrandMet merger as an opportunity

Glenmorangie cheer

By Fraser Nelson

GLENMORANGIE is sizing up three subsidiaries of Guinness and Grand Metropolitan with a view to bidding *for businesses* jettisoned as part of the brewing giants' £23 billion merger.

The company, which bought Allied Domecq's Islay *distillery for* £7 million last year, said it is still capable of more acquisitions.

Geoffrey Maddrell, chairman, said: "We do not feel *threatened* by the merger, and, in the short term, we view it as an opportunity. Things are bound to drop off the bus, and these are brands which we could pick up."

Yesterday the company returned pre-tax profits of £7.8 million (£6.57 million) for the year to March 31 buoyed by the success of exports and its new range of whiskies.

Glenmorangie Expressions and Glenmorangie Wood Finishes, the new brands, lifted their sales by 20 per cent over the year. Glen Moray, the Highland malt, saw a 46 per cent increase in volume.

Mr Maddrell said the company is saving the whisky for bottling in anticipation of a surge in demand over the next five years. Earnings were 41.26p per limited voting A share, and 20.63p per B share, both up 3 per cent. The total dividend rises 10 per cent to 13.2p per A share with a 10.175p final, and to 6.6p per B share, with a 5.087p final.

Vaux sees benefits of pubs exit

By Fraser Nelson

RETREAT from tenanted pubs helped Vaux, the hotels, pubs and brewing combine, to lift profits to £15.2 million (£13.3 million) at the halfway *stage as the company shifted* towards the better-performing hotels business.

Vaux has shed one in ten of its 776 pubs over the last year, leaving its Swallows Hotels chain to make 50 per cent of trading profit for the first time. Its managed pubs returned a 14 per cent increase in profit, to £4.7 million, with the growth led by demand for food. Sir Paul Nicholson, chairman, said the decline in profits from the remaining pubs is showing signs of slowing in spite of a disappointing Easter.

The hotel chain lifted profitability from 26 per cent to 29 per cent, with room rates *rising to £49.12 (£45.14).*

St Andrews, the nursing home chain sold to Highfield Group last year for £11.5 million, bowed out with departures plunging from 16 per cent to 23 per cent and operating profit declining 24 per cent to £1.32 million.

Overall, earnings rose to 8.33p (7.23p) for the 24 weeks to March 15 and an interim dividend of 3.7p (3.56p) is due on July 7.

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Mortgages

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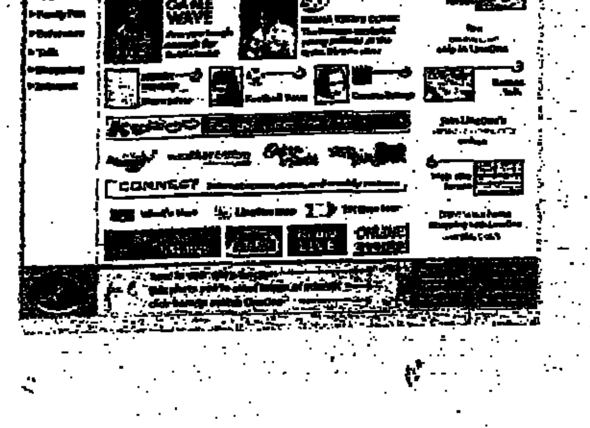

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STOCK MARKET

MICHAEL CLARK

Reed International price suffers from double blow

REED INTERNATIONAL was on the end of a "double whammy" as its share price fell 18p to 607½p, having briefly touched 596½p in heavy turnover of almost 11 million shares.

First it was hit by a change of recommendation from Merrill Lynch, the broker, which downgraded the shares from a "buy" to "accumulate". Reed was then rattled by a US court ruling, which, it is feared, could affect trading at Lexis-Nexis, the on-line publisher of legal material owned by Reed Elsevier.

The court ruling removed copyright protection claimed by West Publishing, bought last year by the Thomson Organisation for $3.4 billion, which is distributed via Lexis-Nexis. Followers of Reed said the ruling could make legal research cheaper, thereby eating into Reed's profits. But Reed quickly dismissed brokers' fears, claiming it would have only a minimal impact.

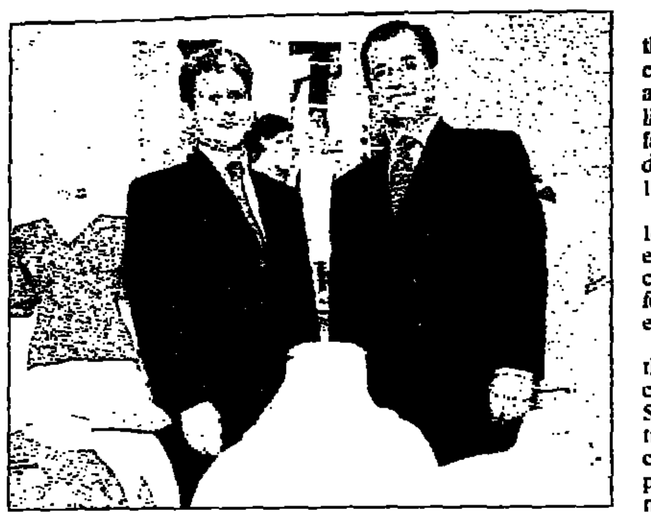
Elsewhere, prices recovered opening falls to move ahead *on selective support. But the gains were eventually halved as the market faced up to falls* on the bond market of more *than £1½ and an uncertain* start to trading on Wall Street.

The FT-SE 100 index, fuelled by the weaker than expected April retail sales, was up almost 20 points at one stage before reducing the lead to 9.8 at 4,651.8 by the close. A total of 836 million shares changed hands.

Among blue chips **Cadbury Schweppes** added another 10½p at 552p as brokers continued to take a positive line on prospects after a two-day tour of confectionery operations. They say Cadbury is thinking in terms of 20 per cent earnings growth longer term.

Carlton Communications rose 4p to 521½p with the market continuing to reflect on this week's profits news. ABN Amro Hoare Govett, the broker, has set a target price *for the shares of 600p.*

The market gave the *thumbs up to full-year figures* from **Storehouse**, led by Keith *Edelman, chief executive, and* Chris Martin, finance director. *Profits* came in at the top end of expectations. The shares responded with a rise of 7p to 223½p. HSBC James Capel and NatWest Securities are both believed to have published "buy" recommendations but Cazenove, the company's own broker, is said to have downgraded its current-year forecast by £5 million to £130 million.

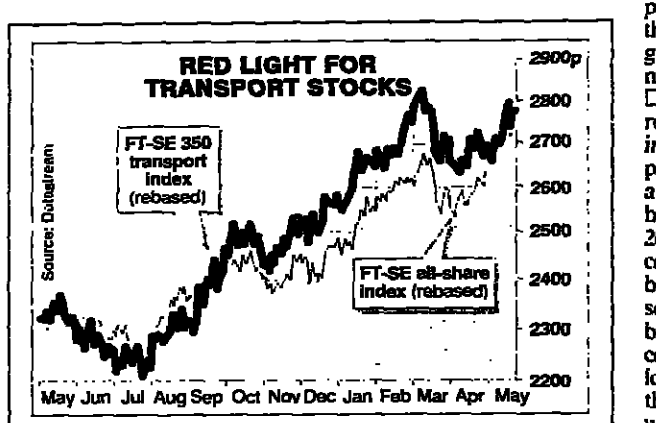


Keith Edelman, left, and Chris Martin saw Storehouse rise

PowerGen firmed ½p to 694p on the back of trading news while rival **National Power** was steady at 544½p after reporting earlier in the week. Dresdner Kleinwort Benson has been telling clients to switch out of National *Power and into PowerGen.*

Meanwhile, speculators are suggesting that PowerGen may eventually bid for **Southern Electric**, one of the few remaining independent regional electricity companies. Southern closed 1p firmer at 411p.

Attempts at a rally by **Celltech** proved short lived. After briefly touching 357½p the price retreated to end the session a further 8½p down at 332½p stretching the fall on the week to 317½p.



National Express went into reverse, falling 28½p to 490½p after its acquisitions of the Central Trains and Scotrail franchises became the first referrals of the *Labour Government to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.*

The move also dragged *the other coach companies lower, with Go-Ahead Group losing 23p at 448½p. Stagecoach 13p at 648p, and FirstBus 7½p at 214p.*

The referral caught the City on the hop and was described by a broker with one leading firm as "the new Government eager to try out all the new toys". He added: "The move will prevent the likes of National Express from running down its bus operations and abusing its position as a provider of public transport. The Government will *be anxious to see the coach* network retained and *prices remaining competitive."*

Broker say the transport sector generally has been carrying a lot of regulatory weight and this has been reflected in share prices.

"At this level they are looking incredibly cheap", said another broker.

Newcomer **Heart of Midlothian**, which this week *became the first Scottish side to* achieve a full stock market *listing, appears to have few* fans in the City, with the price *dropping another 10p to* 119½p.

That compares with the 140p the shares were placed at earlier this week. Brokers complain that the end of the *football season has seen* interest in clubs tail off.

There was little support for this week's other sporty newcomer **Eagles**, owner of the Sheffield Eagles, which retreated *a further 2½p to 31p* compared with the flotation price of 40p. Just as the group made its debut on AIM, it reported that the Sheffield Eagles head coach Phil Larder had left and would be replaced by John Kear.

Pilkington continued to make headway after this week's departure of Roger Leverton as chief executive. The shares added 3½p to 125p. Mr Leverton has been replaced by Paulo Scaroni.

A bullish report from Charterhouse Tilney, its own broker, lifted **Car Group** 3p to 167½p. Tilney describes prospects as "excellent" and says the group is in a position to grow substantially over the new few years.

☐ **GILT-EDGED:** Brokers reported a dramatic steepening *of the yield curve after the* poor response to the latest auction. *The issue of* £1.5 billion of Treasury 8 per cent *2021 was just 1.29 times* covered with bids worth £1.9 billion. This combined with selling of other European bonds later in the day succeeded in driving prices at the longer end of the market more than £1½ lower although there was support for shorter-dated issues at the lower levels.

In the futures pit, the June series of the long gilt was £1$^{1}/_{16}$ down at £111⅞ as the total number of contracts completed surged to 143,000. In longs, Treasury 8 per cent 2015 was £1⅝ down at £106$^{17}/_{32}$, while at the shorter end Treasury 8 per cent 2000 was £$^{5}/_{16}$ easier at £102$^{27}/_{32}$.

☐ **NEW YORK:** Shares de*clined in morning trading,* taking on the inflation worries *of bonds and tracking them* lower as the benchmark 30-year treasury bond *touched* a key 7 per cent yield. By midday the Dow Jones industrial average was down 28.44 at 7,262.25.

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones .... 7262.25 (-28.44)
S&P Composite .... 836.93 (-2.42)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Average .... 19877.39 (+35.41)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng .... 14212.00 (-23.52)

Amsterdam:
EOE Index .... 800.84 (-3.09)

Sydney:
AO .... 2547.9 (+4.7)

Frankfurt:
DAX .... 3579.42 (-16.67)

Singapore:
Straits .... 2061.71 (+7.72)

Brussels:
General .... 12744.95 (-2.45)

Paris:
CAC-40 .... 2741.65 (-44.70)

Zurich:
SKA Gen .... 1066.40 (+6.80)

London:
FT 30 .... 2997.5 (+9.8)
FTSE 100 .... 4651.8 (+9.8)
FTSE 250 .... 4501.5 (+1.1)
FTSE 350 .... 2253.3 (+4.0)
FTSE Eurotrack 100 .... 2369.29 (+4.91)
FTSE All-Share .... 2212.7 (+3.49)
FTSE Non Financials .... 2227.50 (+2.90)
FTSE Fixed Interest .... 120.39 (-0.49)
FTSE Govt Secs .... 95.66 (+0.03)
Bargains 46722
SEAQ Volume 835.3m
US$ .... 1.6340 (-0.0140)
German Mark .... 2.7672 (-0.0245)
Exchange Index .... 98.4 (-0.7)
Bank of England official close (4pm)
£:ECU 1.4176
£:SDR 1.1799
RPI .... 156.3 Apr (2.4%) Jan 1987=100
RPIX .... 155.8 Apr (2.5%) Jan 1987=100

RECENT ISSUES

Alliance & Leicester	599	- 1
Aston Villa	822½	- 2½
Cable & Wireless	264½	- 1
Caradon B	99½	...
Comino	145½	...
Donatantonio	86½	- ½
Downing Hlth (100)	100	...
Dragons Hlth (100)	147½	...
Eagles	31	- 2½
Heart of Midlothian	119½	- 10½
ITG Group	160	...
Integrated As Mgt	105	...
Lady in Leisure	123½	+ 1
Longbridge Intl	119½	...
Mrtn Currie I&G Cap	91½	...
Mrtn Currie I&G Inc	98	...
NMT (50)	50½	+ ½
Newmark Tech	13	- ¼
Partners Hldgs	172½	...
Pennine AIM (100)	100	...
Petra Diamonds	60½	- 2
Petra Diamonds Wts	40½	- 1
Qualceram (143)	155½	...
Salehurst	122½	...
Soccer Investments	107½	...
Versalite Group	3¼	...

RIGHTS ISSUES

Barlows n/p (525)	1	...
Bolton Gp (Intl) n/p (8)	½	...
Enterprise n/p (196)	56½	...
Oxford Miclr (360)	15½	- 2
Rackwood Mnrl (50)	1¼	...

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:
Jardine Math .... 419p (+14¼)
Photobition .... 540p (+15p)
EMAP .... 753½p (+18p)
TI .... 542p (+12½p)
Blacks Leis .... 528½p (+12p)
Grand Met .... 573p (+12½p)
Utd Assurance .... 495p (+10½p)

FALLS:
Shield Diag .... 437½p (-25p)
Go-Ahead .... 448½p (-23p)
Reed Int .... 607½p (-18p)
PizzaExpress .... 643½p (-17p)
Stagecoach .... 648p (-13p)

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TEMPUS

Global power

POWERGEN is pitching strongly to become a global company to offset the decline of its share of the UK market. Pumping more than £421 million into Far Eastern *power projects* bolsters its growing international expansion and the nation's second *biggest generator now expects to be earning* £100 million a year from outside the United Kingdom by 2001.

But PowerGen lags behind National Power, which expects to earn *£145 million* from overseas operations this year. Increasingly National Power, which was once perceived as the plodding larger relative to the dynamic and high-profile PowerGen, is finding greater favour with investors.

PowerGen's 1996-97 figures were affected by a £98 million accelerated depreciation charge for some of its power stations and *current year* figures will look healthier. But concerns remain about market share as more independent power producers provide competition. Earnings are likely to be pretty flat at best in the domestic arena.

There is also uncertainty about PowerGen's strategic direction. The company has hinted *at greater exposure* to the gas market, and acquisitions are possible.

With gearing at just 34 per cent and a share buyback no longer on the agenda it is evident that PowerGen can *afford to exercise* its healthy balance sheet.

PowerGen is very much a *wait-and-see* stock. With the shares trading at 694p yesterday — close to a record high — there is no harm in buying moderately but with a measure of caution.

Vaux

VAUX is crawling out of the leisure sector's sin bin. After *washing away its main* problem areas — St Andrew's *nursing homes and* the lesser performing managed houses — *it seems to* be scrubbing up quite well and its shares are beginning to look cheap.

Swallow *Hotels,* long viewed as a gem in Vaux's operations, is coming into ever greater prominence after the clearout.

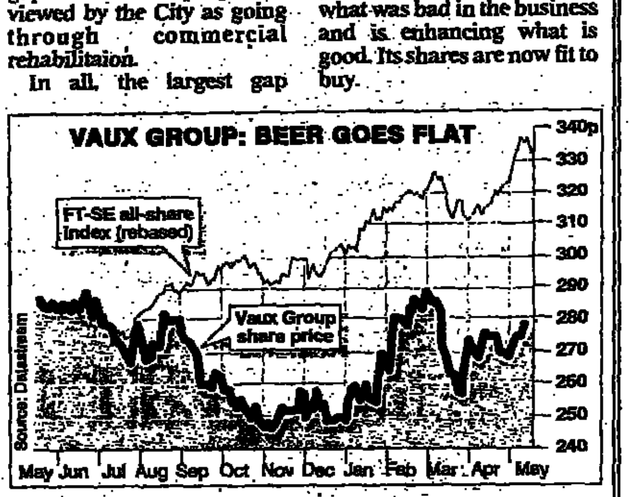
It now accounts for just under half of the company's business and is delivering underlying profits growth of 20 per cent.

Managed houses are growing by 9.3 per cent — somewhat behind the average 12 per cent achieved by its peers but still keeping up with the pack.

Its tenanted pubs have also stabilised after the disposals and are beginning to look quite attractive. Although their sales were down 2 per cent, the mighty Bass only managed 1 per cent growth — a respectable gap for a company still viewed by the City as going through commercial rehabilitaion.

In all, the largest gap between Vaux and its peers is in the valuation of its shares. At 277½p, they are still sitting on some 30 per cent discount to the market.

This rating suggests it is still seen as the sick man of the sector. But it has dumped what was bad in the business and is enhancing what is good. Its shares are now fit to buy.



Vosper

IN THE highly political business of warship sales, gov*ernment support can make* a significant difference to the *order book. Michael Portillo* was a tireless salesman for Vosper Thornycroft in the Middle East. Investors now have to satisfy themselves that George Robertson, the new Defence Secretary, will match his efforts. Labour's enthusiastic post-election moves bode well. But Vosper will want more than just enthusiasm.

Vosper executives are right to believe that the new Government is unlikely to veto future orders. Warship sales are both rare and very lucrative. A veto would not only slow job creation but would also destroy Labour's carefully constructed image as a friend of UK plc. However, humanitarian is*sues can take on a momen*tum of their own. Labour's *human rights agenda* will encourage activists to seek new targets for their export protests.

But in the absence of political problems, Vosper *looks* set to grow further. While some of the long-term *shipbuilding* contracts are running out this year, the *support services business has* grown to 40 per cent of turnover. These activities are less cyclical and look set to eventually reach 50 per cent of turnover — a healthy mix. The sizeable cash pile will be useful on the acquisition trail. Nevertheless, investors should wait until the results of the expected six-month defence review are known before changing their holdings.

Graseby

PAUL LESTER'S seven years hard graft at Graseby is ending with the company's share price almost exactly where he found it, *yet* the likeable Mr Lester has attracted only *moderate criticism.* Graseby had too many businesses that were either too small or at the mercy of forces beyond its control — whether it be tumbling defence budgets, the squeeze on healthcare spending or environmental legislation.

John Hawkins, Mr Lester's *replacement as chief executive,* speaks enthusiastically *about the bulging order book* for Graseby's chemical weapons monitor. *Yet longer term,* this business is too lumpy and too narrow to provide quality earnings for Graseby. The company has recently focused more of its attention on medical pumps and infusion equipment, and that looks a better bet.

Mr Hawkins comes from Philips Electronics, a company with a wretched record of making money from technology. He spent last year assembling a $150 million computer games and multimedia business, only for Philips to discard it when it changed strategy (again). In*vestors must hope he has bet*ter luck at Graseby.

COMMODITIES

LIFFE

COCOA

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ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

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WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

[illegible]

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

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ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm)

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	20.20	+0.50
Brent 15 day (Jul)	20.30	+0.50
Brent 15 day (Aug)	20.30	+0.45
W Texas Intermediate (Jul)	21.95	+0.45
W Texas Intermediate (Aug)	22.00	+0.50

PRODUCTS ($/MT)

Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

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IPE FUTURES

GAS OIL

[illegible]

BRENT

[illegible]

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

[illegible]

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

LIFFE WHEAT (close £/t)

LIFFE BARLEY (close £/t)

[illegible]

LIFFE POTATOES

[illegible]

RUBBER

[illegible]

LIFFE BIFFEX

[illegible]

LIFFE OPTIONS

[illegible]

FTSE INDEX

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*Underlying security price.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Sett	Vol
Long Gilt Previous open interest: 220100	Jun 97 Sep 97	112-24 113-00	112-30 113-03	111-21 111-30	111-25 112-02	149188 4298
German Govt Bond (Bund) Previous open interest: 299642	Jun 97 Sep 97	101.06 100.03	101.25 100.15	100.63 99.64	100.73 99.67	341067 4707
Italian Govt Bond (BTP) Previous open interest: 110015	Jun 97 Sep 97	130.05 130.10	130.43 130.94	129.30 129.94	129.45 129.95	77422 3390
Japanese Govt Bond (JGB)	Jun 97 Sep 97	123.91 122.52	123.98 122.55	123.82 122.40	123.89 122.46	4528 2294
Three Mth Sterling Previous open interest: 531303	Jun 97 Sep 97 Dec 97	93.42 93.16 92.98	93.44 93.20 93.01	93.42 93.15 92.96	93.43 93.17 92.97	10590 25954 19613
Three Mth Euromark Previous open interest: 1637??	Jun 97 Sep 97	96.79 96.72	96.81 96.74	96.78 96.71	96.80 96.72	32471 20416
Three Mth Eurolira Previous open interest: 309111	Jun 97 Sep 97	93.34 93.67	93.40 93.72	93.34 93.64	93.35 93.64	16066 15411
Three Mth Euroyen	Sep 97 Dec 97	 98.91	 98.91	 98.91	99.15 98.91	0 170
Three Mth Euroswiss Previous open interest: 13642	Jun 97 Sep 97	98.44 98.46	98.50 98.51	98.42 98.41	98.45 98.44	15005 12163
Three Mth ECU Previous open interest: 31175	Jun 97 Sep 97	95.96 95.94	95.87 95.96	95.85 95.84	95.86 95.85	1506 1212
FTSE 100 Previous open interest: 74741	Jun 97 Sep 97	4641.0 4675.0	4682.0 4725.0	4636.0 4675.0	4665.0 4700.5	12599 223

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6¼ Finance Hse 6¼
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: [illegible] Low [illegible] Week fixed: [illegible]
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth [illegible]; 3 mth [illegible] Sell: 2 mth [illegible]; 3 mth [illegible]

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Sterling Money Rates	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Interbank:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Overnight: open [illegible] close [illegible]					
Local Authority Deps:	[illegible]	n/a	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sterling CDs:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dollar CDs:	5.57	n/a	5.67	5.82	6.14
Building Society CDs:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Deutschemark:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
French Franc:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Swiss Franc:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Yen:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	1-par

GOLD/PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $343.20-343.50 Close: $342.90-343.00 High: $343.15-343.65
Low: $341.40-341.90 AM: $342.05 PM: $342.75

Krugerrand: $342-344 (£210.00-212.00)

Platinum: $356.75 (£218.00) Silver: $4.69 (£2.875) Palladium: $174.50 (£106.20)

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for May 22	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	[illegible]	3.1092-3.1121	[illegible]	[illegible]
Brussels	[illegible]	57.075-57.176	17-12pr	48-41pr
Copenhagen	[illegible]	10.533-10.543	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dublin	[illegible]	1.0768-1.0790	3pr-1ds	9-2pr
Frankfurt	[illegible]	2.7664-2.7684	[illegible]	[illegible]
Lisbon	[illegible]	278.59-279.09	[illegible]	[illegible]
Madrid	[illegible]	232.94-233.24	25-14pr	[illegible]
Milan	[illegible]	2721.2-2727.0	7-16ds	5-28ds
Montreal	[illegible]	2.2494-2.2426	0.64-0.58pr	1.25-1.16pr
New York	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Oslo	[illegible]	11.511-11.517	[illegible]	[illegible]
Paris	[illegible]	9.3154-9.3244	[illegible]	[illegible]
Stockholm	[illegible]	12.371-12.391	[illegible]	[illegible]
Tokyo	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Vienna	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Zurich	[illegible]	2.3039-2.3070	[illegible]	[illegible]

Source: Extel

Premium = pr. Discount = ds.

DOLLAR RATES

Australia	1.2786-1.2794
Austria	11.88-11.89
Belgium (Com)	34.86-34.90
Canada	1.3690-1.3695
Denmark	6.4315-6.4335
France	5.6892-5.6912
Germany	1.6891-1.6896
Hong Kong	7.7360-7.7370
Ireland	1.5168-1.5183
Italy	1662.7-1664.2
Japan	115.68-115.72
Malaysia	2.5015-2.5025
Netherlands	1.9000-1.9005
Norway	7.0280-7.0340
Portugal	170.25-170.35
Singapore	1.4313-1.4320
Spain	142.49-142.52
Sweden	7.5582-7.5656
Switzerland	1.4095-1.4105

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.6371-1.6398
Australia dollar	2.0931-2.0957
Bahrain dinar	0.6145-0.6365
Brazil real*	1.7431-1.7476
China yuan	13.487-13.787
Cyprus pound	0.8260-0.8360
Finland markka	8.3725-8.4885
Greece drachma	440.75-447.75
Hong Kong dollar	12.6638-12.6732
India rupee	58.44-59.40
Indonesia rupiah	3916.4-4122.2
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4890-0.4990
Malaysia ringgit	4.0950-4.0991
New Zealand dollar	2.3555-2.3593
Pakistan rupee	65.80 Buy
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.9275-6.0515
Singapore dollar	2.3433-2.3464
S Africa rand (com)	7.2980-7.4000
U A E dirham	5.9825-6.1065

Barclays Bank GTS * *Lloyds Bank*

FTSE VOLUMES

3i	1,100	Land Secs	3,000
ASDA Gp	5,900	Legal & Gn	1,500
Abbey Nat	1,900	Lloyds TSB	7,200
Allied Dom	4,100	LucasVarity	2,400
AB Foods	1,200	Marks Spr	8,300
BAA	1,400	Mercury Asset	978
BAT Inds	10,600	NatWst Bk	8,900
BG	7,000	Nat Grid	4,700
BOC	997	Nat Power	4,200
BP	4,900	Next	528
BSkyB	1,500	Orange	818
BTR	14,300	P & O	1,800
BT	9,500	Pearson	1,400
Bk of Scot	1,100	PowerGen	2,300
Barclays	3,400	Prudential	2,900
Bass	5,000	RMC	227
Blue Circle	1,800	RTZ	3,700
Boots	1,900	Railtrack	6,800
BAe	3,900	Rank Group	5,700
BA	5,000	Reckitt Col	1,400
British Land	5,600	Reed Intl	11,100
Brit Steel	7,900	Rentokil Inl	5,400
Burmah Cstl	2,100	Reuters	4,100
Burton	3,700	Rolls Royce	3,000
Cable Wire	5,000	Royal & Sun	6,000
Cadbury	4,100	Royal Bk Sct	2,100
Carlton Cms	4,200	Safeway	8,500
Centrica	21,500	Sainsbury	6,800
Cm Union	2,500	Schroders	45
Dixons	1,900	Scot & New	2,000
EMI	1,300	Scot Power	5,200
Energy Gp	2,600	Svrn Trent	1,400
Enterpr Oil	2,200	Shell Trans	5,400
GKN	626	Siebe	802
GRE	1,400	SmKl Bch	2,100
GUS	1,400	Smith Nph	3,000
Gen Acc	2,100	Smiths Inds	1,800
Gen Elec	4,100	Std Chartd	490
Glaxo Well	4,100	TI Gp	2,000
Granada	2,000	Tate & Lyle	2,100
Grand Met	7,900	Tesco	5,800
Guinness	4,000	Thames W	1,700
HSBC	1,100	Tomkins	7,800
Hanson	942	Unilever	823
Hays	3,100	Utd Utilities	2,800
ICI	8,300	Utd News	1,800
Imp Tob	1,300	Vodafone	6,400
Kingfisher	1,900	Whitbread	1,800
LASMO	1,800	Wolseley	973
Ladbroke	6,430	Zeneca	1,300

WALL STREET

	May 22 midday	May 21 close
AMP Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]
AMR Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
AT & T	35	[illegible]
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BUSINESS LETTERS

Small firms are more to blame

From G. P. Trace

Sir, The current initiative to make interest on overdue business debt overlooks one essential fact. It is not the large company that regularly pays at 60, 90 or even 120 days that does the damage. This is predictable and once the initial credit period is financed the supplying company receives regular monthly payments. Should interest on overdue debt become mandatory, these large companies will merely negotiate 60, 90 or 120 days as of right, avoid interest and nothing will have changed.

Ten years working at the heart of the problem as a management consultant advising small to medium-sized companies tells me that the real damage is caused when one small company runs into financial trouble and completely stops paying another, often causing a domino effect. I have tackled the problem from both sides and can state that charging interest will do nothing. The struggling company would gladly pay interest rather than the capital sum owed. The interest is an irrelevance to the cashflow of the recipient. (About £80 per month on a £10,000 debt.) However, any interest paid reduces the total fund available to pay its creditors — again nothing has changed.

There will be administrative costs in complying. Will a credit licence be needed and, if not, is this a loophole for unscrupulous companies, is the interest to be invoiced and be liable to tax as extra profit, possibly before it is received? I could go on, but I hope that this is enough to cause supporters of this outwardly sensible idea to revisit their proposal and think again.

Yours faithfully,
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Wirral.

Stop whingeing about sterling

From S. W. de Looze

Sir, I am fed up with UK companies moaning about the strength of the pound and using it as an excuse for falling profits.

May I use your columns to remind British industry that Germany and Japan have lived for 50 years or so with a constantly *appreciating* currency. Their economies remain two of the most successful in the world. Rather than calling for sterling to be steadily depreciated in order to maintain its competitiveness, British industry should take a leaf out of the Germany-Japan book and use a strong pound as a driver for innovation and efficiency improvement.

Let's hear no more of this whingeing.

Yours faithfully,
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Buckinghamshire.

ECONOMIC VIEW **ANATOLE KALETSKY**

Brown's blunders will hit taxpayers in the pocket

Lower growth projections will lead to the worst of all worlds

For the first time in my life I can feel some sympathy for Sir Iain Vallance, the "fat cat" chairman of British Telecom. Sir Iain famously said this week that if he had known what Tony Blair was going to do to his company, he would not have voted Labour. If I had known what Gordon Brown was going to do to the economy, I would have voted for the Monster Raving Loony Party. After just three weeks in power, Mr Brown has made enough potentially disastrous misjudgments to match the lifetime achievements of John Major and Nigel Lawson.

His latest blunder (I will come to the most serious one later) was to allow his minions to start a whispering campaign against Eddie George, the Governor of the Bank of England. The apparent intention was to put a personal friend and longtime political associate of Mr Brown's in charge of the supposedly *independent* Bank. Like the Chancellor's other rushed wheezes and gimmicks, the attack on Mr George was probably never planned in detail. It was just that the previous day's Brown gimmick — the sudden announcement of a new super-regulator for the City — created an opportunity for spin-doctors that was too good to resist.

The characteristically high-handed manner of the Chancellor's announcement so annoyed Mr George that the Governor let slip at a press conference that he had considered resignation. The Labour spin-doctors reacted as sharks do to blood. They could not restrain themselves from telling the *Financial Times* that Mr George had "played into our hands", adding that there was now a "high probability" of the Governor being replaced. These inflammatory comments were far more significant than Mr George's outburst itself.

Steady Eddie, whose temperament does not always do justice to his monicker, is actually renowned for his tantrums. A senior Treasury official once famously remarked that having small children was a vital qualification for working with the Bank of England, since it offered an insight into the best ways of dealing with Mr George. In this context it is also worth recalling the Governor's melodramatic lament after he was overruled on interest rates by Kenneth Clarke for the first time. "I sometimes wake up at night worrying about the country's future," he declared.

What is far more important about Mr George than his personal manner, however, is his unshakeable devotion to the Bank of England and the great anti-inflationary project on which he feels that the country and his institution have now embarked. Now that he has achieved his lifelong ambition of steering the Bank to independence, nothing would make him resign. Of course, Tony Blair may choose not to reappoint him at the end of his five-year contract in July next year. But until then, Steady Eddie will remain indomitable at the Bank. And the more Mr Brown tries to threaten or undermine him, the tougher he will become in his determination to do what he thinks is right. From this point of view, the whispering campaign against Mr George could turn out to be costly miscalculation for the Government and, more importantly, for the British economy. The Governor will not resign, but the moment he becomes convinced that he has no prospect of reappointment will also be the moment when the Government loses what little influence over British interest rates it may still have had. There is no grislier fate for a finance minister than to confront an aggrieved, hostile and (understandably) indignant Governor with an historic mission to establish the anti-inflationary "credibility" of a newly independent central bank.

There could thus be a real economic significance to this new comic subplot of the Gordon and Eddie show. That significance is probably just the opposite of the inference the markets were drawing yesterday. The traders' knee-jerk response to the Brown-George fracas was to sell sterling and dump British bonds. On reflection, however, exactly the opposite behaviour might have been justified. Having made the Bank legally independent, Mr Brown has now compounded this error by forcing the Bank to *prove* its independence and has then created the classic policy nightmare of central bank independence: a state of distrust between the Treasury and the Bank.

The chances are now even higher than they were before that the Bank will raise interest rates at the earliest opportunity and will stick to a tough monetary policy regardless of what happens to sterling. Mr George's views on sterling could not be more hawkish. He is known to have told other Bank officials on Black Wednesday that the pound would eventually bounce back to its old ERM parity of DM2.95. It is also said, though this is less certain, that he argued against joining the ERM because he believed that a central parity of DM2.95 was not high enough. Thus if sterling did fall substantially (which under the new circumstances is becoming rather hard to imagine), the resulting increase in interest rates could be much sharper than the market expects. In either case, the most likely upshot would be a further six to nine months during which sterling is seriously overvalued and interest rates keep rising, yet consumer demand keeps growing because of the lags in the impact of monetary policy and the perversely expansionary effects of a strong currency on consumer incomes through the terms of trade.

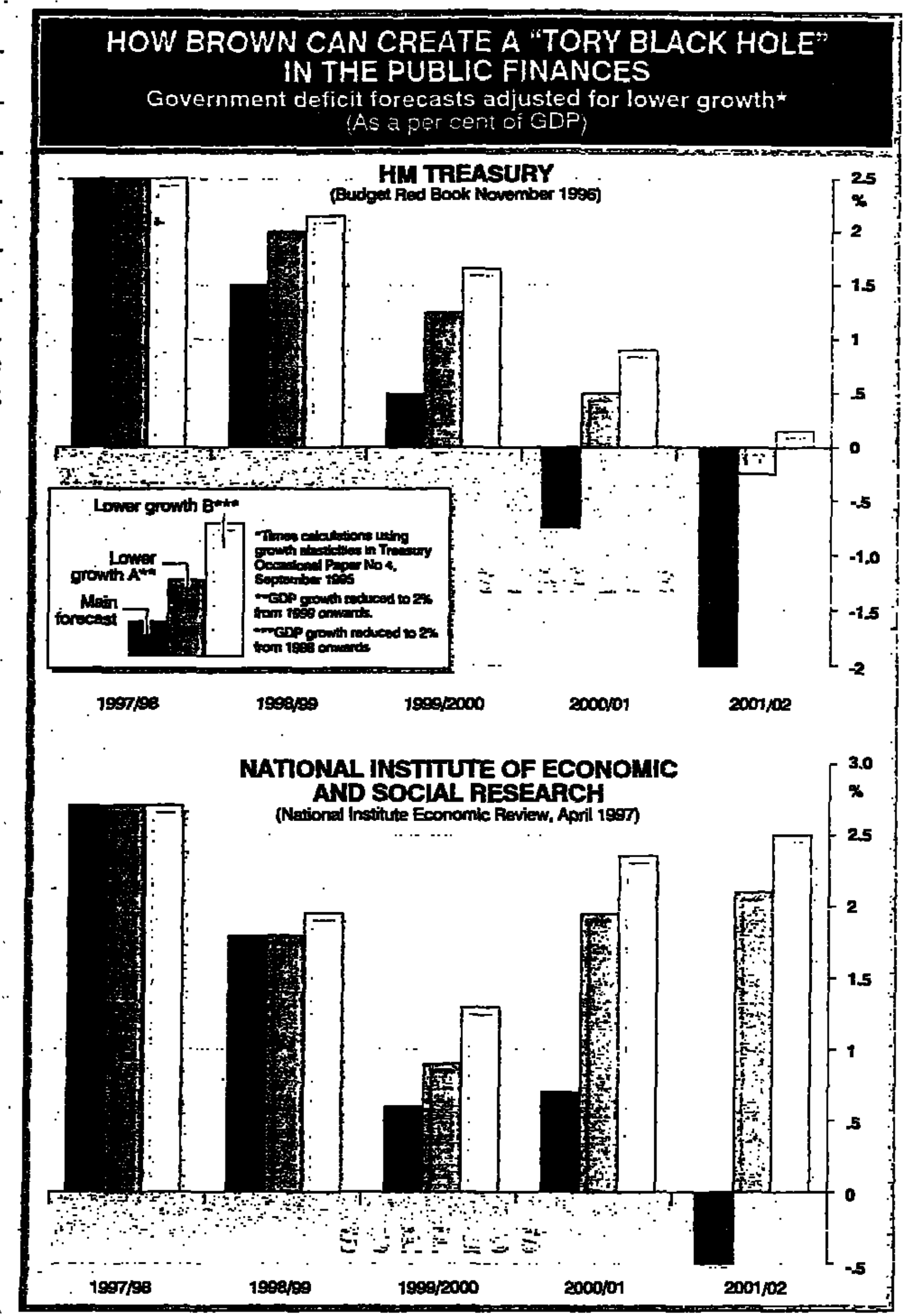
And if a further rise in both interest rates and sterling were not bad enough, Mr Brown has set another economic booby-trap for anyone who is trying to run a business or find a job in Britain. He has decided to raise taxes — and to raise them in the way that is least likely to relieve the upward pressure on interest rates and could actually add to overvaluation of sterling in the short term.

In a little-noticed announcement released last Tuesday, the Chancellor made the bizarre decision to "consider" reducing the economic growth rates assumed by the Treasury in its calculations on the public sector borrowing requirement. The result of this reform will be to raise sharply the official projections for future public deficits. The Treasury assumed last November that gross domestic product would grow 3.5 per cent in the present financial year, followed by 3 per cent in 1998-99 and 2.5 per cent in the three years after that. But Mr Brown, in his wisdom, has apparently decided that a trend growth rate of 2.5 is "far too high". And as evidence of the respect in which he holds the official economists who produce such forecasts Mr Brown has given the National Audit Office two weeks to produce a number more to his liking.

The most immediate effect of this quixotic decision will be to give the Bank a further reason to raise interest rates. If the trend growth rate is reduced to 2 per cent or so, the present growth rate of more than 3 per cent will look even more anomalous and inflationary. And the previous Government's assumption that there is still some slack left in the economy — and that unemployment should be allowed to fall further — will also be called into question. Both of these arguments will redouble the Bank's zeal to slow down the economy by raising interest rates.

To make matters worse, the reduction in growth expectations will have an horrendous effect on the outlook for deficits and taxes. The expected PSBR — which is set to disappear by the year 2000, even without any increase in taxes, according to the Treasury's present forecasts — will be raised to between 0.5 and 2.5 per cent of GDP (see charts), depending on whether the downgrade in growth expectations is imposed from 1998 or 1999. Even these inflated deficits would not, of course, be particularly alarming were it not for the only possible motivation that can be imputed to Mr Brown. Presumably Mr Brown wants to make the deficit prospects look worse than they are in order to justify a programme of steadily rising taxes — especially on companies and pensions funds. These would have little impact on consumer spending in the short run and would therefore do nothing to deter the Bank from raising interest rates. They would, however, make British government bonds even more attractive than they already are to investors, pushing the pound up still further, before hitting investment and output in 1998 and 1999, just when the Bank's monetary austerity was also starting to bite.

But for Mr Brown all of these clouds on the economic horizon do at least have a silver lining. By his policies he will at least have the satisfaction of achieving the reduction in Britain's growth rate that he has now instructed the civil servants to assume.


HOW BROWN CAN CREATE A "TORY BLACK HOLE" IN THE PUBLIC FINANCES

Government deficit forecasts adjusted for lower growth*
(As a per cent of GDP)

Child fashions leave retailers worse for wear

Jon Ashworth *reports on tough state of the competitive children's wear market*

What is it about children's clothing that brings out the worst in everyone? Placid wives are transformed into raging monsters if deprived of the latest BabyGap dungarees. Cash-stricken husbands start working weekends, and even such masters of retailing as Marks & Spencer seem unable to make any money out of it all.

Yesterday's results from Storehouse, the Bhs-to-Mothercare group, made much of the difficulties. Keith Edelman, chief executive, said children's wear enjoyed a good run from 1990 to 1995, with parents spending consistently more each year. Spending held steady last year, but did not rise. Mr Edelman said he expected children's wear to pick up again in a couple of years: "You can't dip in and out of markets just because they're having a bad year."

This week's record profits from Marks & Spencer would have been even better had it not been for the tough state of the children's wear market. Sir Richard Greenbury, chairman, conceded this was a sector where M&S had the lowest market share, just 11 to 12 per cent. While not doing badly, it had yet to match the returns elsewhere, he said.

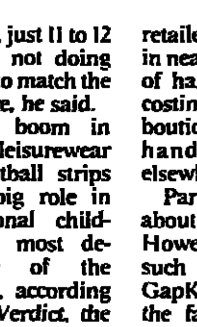
The massive boom in branded sports/leisurewear and replica football strips has played a big role in making traditional children's wear the most depressed sector of the clothing market, according to research by Verdict, the retail consultant. Burgeoning brand consciousness among kids has diverted significant chunks of spending away from mainstream children's wear retailers and into the cash registers of chains such as JJB Sports and JD Sports.

The result is that the children's wear market grew just 0.3 per cent, to £3.2 billion, in 1996. Verdict found that £150 million was spent on replica football kits last year, with strips easily matching the boom in labels such as Nike and Adidas on sweatshirts and T-shirts.

Gross profit margins are lower in children's wear than adultwear, and stockholding needs are greater because of the wider range of sizes that need to be carried. Profitability is lower, and it is more difficult for children's wear retailers to cover the occupancy costs of prime high street space. Hence retailers such as Next, Principles or Etam place their children's clothes in less accessible areas.

Verdict sees deepening problems at Adams, part of Sears, and static prospects for Mothercare. Next is seen as the exception, increasing market share by transposing adult designs into children's ranges, while Gap has rapidly built a loyal following. M&S, the UK's single largest children's wear retailer, could boost prospects by broadening its product range to include more fashionable merchandise.

Children's wear is a strong area of focus for food retailers, who are making their presence felt. Asda leads the field with its George brand, while Tesco's Items and the more recent Kids-Own at Safeway are gaining in prominence.


Gap year: designer label with a loyal following

Part of the problem for retailers is the ready market in nearly-new clothes. A pair of hard-wearing dungarees costing £50 in a high street boutique can be had for a handful of pounds elsewhere.

Parents also complain about poor in-store layout. However, designer brands such as BabyGap and GapKids continue to lure the faithful with their designer cachet.

As a Gap spokesman says: "It is good quality, fun, basic, clothing, which has a certain aspirational feel for the parents." And GapKids changes its collection every six weeks, making it hard for the bigger retailers to keep up.

Children's wear will remain one of the most difficult markets for making money. As Verdict says: "A future of a falling birthrate, growing competition, and increasingly fashion-conscious customers means companies will have to run faster to stand still."

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brussels *n.* **1** vegetable which children are not prepared to swallow **2** capital of the EU (concept Eurosceptics are not prepared to swallow) **3** location of specialist EU and competition law practice.

lobby *n.* **1** place where MP's throw things *esp.* tantrums, comments etc. **2** endeavour to influence politicians and civil servants to promote a particular viewpoint.

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Bruised fruit

THE Bank of England is £3 million to the good after an unexpected windfall from the collapsed Slater, Walker. The profit is noted in the Bank's annual report. Younger readers may like to know that Slater, Walker became the Polly Peck of its day, under the tender guidance of Jim Slater. It was pushed under by the secondary banking crisis of the early 1970s and the collapse of the stock market, when the index fell 70 per cent — yes, it can indeed. The Bank was required to lend support in 1975 and bought the whole lot two years later. Slater is now an investment guru who writes about picking shares, bringing to mind Johnson's quip about second marriages: "A triumph of hope over experience."

A Bank source said the £3 million was a deposit that Slater, Walker had always had there. It was treated as a residual asset when the business was wound up after being in members' voluntary liquidation for several years. I wonder vaguely why creditors did not get the cash. "Because we bought it," she says pityingly.

"1997 is the year of the fat cat"

● *THE after-dinner cabaret at the Building Societies Association was Helen Shapiro, the Sixties pop singer. This led to a rather curious cultural clash, my spies tell me. All the crusty old members of the BSA were busy pretending they had never heard of her: "Before my time. Frightful pop stuff. Led Zeppelin, now that was proper music." Unfortunately, in one of those weird and increasingly common shifts in popular culture, Ms Shapiro, by virtue of her age and utter naffness, is now blindingly cool again. So she went down a storm with the younger members. Me, I lost the plot when the style police disinterred Abba.*

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Easy go

I HEAR Julie Ramshaw, the former Morgan Stanley retail analyst, is on her way again from Laura Ashley where she is director of merchandising, and may head back to the City. Sources say there is no truth in any suggestion that her relationship with Ann Iverson, the American who took home more than £1 million in pay last year, may have become strained.

Hoare Govett looks a good billet for her, the retail team being a bit light there after Richard Edwards upped and left for Salomon Brothers. There are said to be plans to expand the team further, to take in European retailers. Talking of strained relationships, her former colleague at Morgan Stanley, Nick Bubb, this week announced he was joining Société Générale from Mees Pierson.

● *THE Queen will today visit recently quoted Newcastle United. ("And how long have you been an inside left?") There she will receive a number 9 shirt, as sported by Alan Shearer, the England captain. It is not thought likely Her Majesty will ever wear it. The gift is to be handed over by Sir John Hall, who has acquired a curious nickname. He is known in the North East as "Turtle", because of his curious accent and his habit of being "turtelly" behind his now-departed manager, Kevin Keegan.*

Hair today

ON THE day that we learned of the probable departure of Stephen Silverne, the House of Commons barber, I can reveal where the true tonsorial power lies under New Labour. MJM of Crawford Street, London, just north of Marble Arch, is where both Tony Blair and Lord Irvine of Lairg (formerly Derry Irvine) have their locks tended.

The PM is a long-time client of Maurice Miller, the salon's owner, although I understand the latter has tended to head along the traffic-clogged Euston Road to Islington for appointments. Information the tabloids would have killed for during that ludicrous pre-election spat over whether Blair had changed his hairstyle — a story which originated, as I recall, in the *Financial Times*.

Loss of power

WHICH captain of industry was gleefully celebrating the downfall of Ian Lang, one-time president of the board of trade and now without a Commons seat? Apparently the corks were popping in the Ed Wallis household on election night. The forthright chairman of PowerGen was not acting out of any ideological fervour. Lang last April defied a Monopolies and Mergers Commission report and blocked the PowerGen takeover of Midlands Electricity along with another deal by rival National Power. It was seen at the time as a perverse decision, and Wallis is known to have taken it very personally. Not to put too fine a point on it, he moaned for months afterwards. Do not expect to see Lang popping up as a non-executive on that particular board.

MARTIN WALLER

Helen Shapiro: cool again

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Equities shrug off bonds' weakness

TRADING PERIOD: Settlement takes place five business days after the day of trade. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
459	407½	**Allied Domecq**	456	+ 4½	6.5	13.7
626	527½	Bulmer (HP)	527½		3.2	15.7
75½	56	Burn Stewart	56½		7.5	14.1
1050	865	Glenmorangie A	945		1.8	
613	425½	**Grand Met**	573	+ 12½	3.6	18.2
615	424	**Guinness**	572½	+ 12	3.5	16.4
390	321	Highland Dist	328½		3.2	15.4
535	257	Matthew Clark	262½	- 1	11.4	12.5
107½	72½	Merrydown W	77½		7.9	9.8
1978½	1462½	SA Breweries	1765½	- 21½	2.2	

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MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)

LONGS (over 15 years)

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	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
For AIB see Govett (John)				
AXA EQUITY & LAW UNIT TST MGRS 01203 553 231				
General Acc	768.50	817.60	+ 2.50	2.34
General Inc	636.70	677.40	+ 2.30	2.34
UK Growth Acc	532.70	566.80	+ 1.70	2.30
UK Growth Inc	340.70	362.50	+ 1.20	2.30
Higher Inc Acc	944.50	£10.04	+ 2.70	3.77
Higher Inc Inc	495.50	527.20	+ 1.50	3.77
Gilts/Fxd Int Acc	219.70	232.10	- 1.30	5.49
Gilts/Fxd Int Inc	93.81	99.09	- 0.53	5.49
Nth America	378.80	403.00	+ 6.00	
Europe	421.90	448.90	+ 0.68	0.21
Brit Excell	104.80	111.50	+ 0.30	2.46
Brit Fedelty Acc	131.40	139.80	+ 0.50	4.45
Brit Fedelty Inc	86.65	92.19	+ 0.31	4.45
Global Opps	111.10	118.20	+ 0.50	0.05
Balanced Acc	69.99	74.48	+ 0.11	2.14
Balanced Inc	64.68	68.81	+ 0.10	2.14
Japan Acc	42.61	45.34	- 0.46	
Pac Basin Acc	399.20	424.70	+ 3.90	0.79
ABBEY UNIT TST MGRS 0345 717 373				
Gilts & Fixed Int	135.70	144.10	- 0.90	6.46
High Inc Equity	203.20	217.30†	+ 0.50	4.46
Worldwide Bond	267.60	283.70†	- 0.30	3.92
American Growth	446.90	477.10	+ 5.40	0.35
Asian Pacific	329.00	350.90	+ 4.20	0.39
Assets & Earnings	325.20	347.80†	- 1.00	2.71
Euro Capital Acc	222.30	237.80	+ 2.60	0.84
Extra Inc	43.64	46.43†	- 0.01	7.88
General	299.10	318.20	+ 0.20	2.89
Global Opps	78.51	83.52	+ 0.62	0.49
Japan	101.40	108.40	- 0.50	
Managed Inc	50.69	53.93†	+ 0.02	4.17
Mastertrust	184.20	197.00	+ 1.00	1.22
US Emerging Cos	178.00	190.40	+ 2.20	
Ethical	86.66	92.19	+ 0.26	1.78
International	146.50	155.80	+ 0.80	0.56
Dividend & Growth	75.79	80.63	+ 0.17	4.17
Global Grth & Sec	76.09	81.20	+ 0.01	2.49
Latin America	85.71	90.75	+ 1.08	0.43
Capital Reserve	149.00	149.00		4.69
ABBEY NATIONAL UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 0141 275 8500				
H&P UK Growth	103.30	109.80	+ 0.40	2.07
Equity Income	144.90	154.10	+ 0.50	3.92
Extra Income	280.30	298.10	- 0.10	6.12
Smaller Cos	108.70	115.60	+ 0.10	1.54
International	125.40	133.40†	+ 0.10	1.36
ABERFORTH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 0131 220 0733				
UK Small Cos	2484.00	2585.00	- 10.00	
ABTRUST UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 0800 833 580				
Amer Inc & Growth	68.71	71.27†	+ 0.68	
Emerging Mkts	77.56	80.78	+ 0.21	0.04
European	169.00	175.60	+ 1.10	
Extra Income #	53.91	56.74	+ 0.04	5.73
Far East Emg Ecs	125.40	131.50	+ 0.90	0.47
Fixed Interest #	26.68	27.75†	- 0.01	8.76
Fund Inv Tst #	169.60	178.00†	+ 0.60	9.33
Japan	174.20	181.00	- 1.90	
Latin American	72.73	75.67	+ 0.73	0.64
Pacific	80.98	85.01†	+ 0.22	0.31
Property Share	85.16	89.40	+ 0.47	1.97
UK Emerging Cos	72.17	78.01	- 0.30	1.33
UK Growth	62.57	65.17†	+ 0.10	1.80
Aber World Port #	89.02	93.70	+ 0.10	2.65
Ethical	84.75	88.14	+ 0.03	2.00
Aberdeen Gilt Inc #	50.88	50.93	- 0.07	7.28
AIRWAYS UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 0171 256 5868				
Resid Property #	101.00	107.40		5.29
ALLCHURCHES INV MGMT SVS LTD 01452 305 958				
Amity Income	100.07	108.13	+ 0.15	1.90
Income Builder Inc	89.22	94.91	+ 0.16	3.69
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TSTS PLC IFA dlg: 01793 610 366 Client dlg: 01793 514 514				
Balanced Trusts				
Growth & Income	322.90	345.10†	- 0.70	2.69
Capital	572.50	612.00†	+ 0.40	1.03
Balanced	945.50	1010.00	+ 2.00	2.41
Accumulator	1825.00	1950.00†	+ 4.00	1.60
Income Trusts				
American Income	72.96	77.830	+ 0.50	3.08
High Income	524.60	560.40	+ 2.10	3.81
Equity Income	296.90	317.20	+ 1.20	3.50
High Yield	314.90	336.50†	+ 1.30	3.57
Govt Securities	35.11	37.070†	- 0.47	5.89
International Trusts				
Amer Spec Sits	246.80	263.30	+ 1.50	0.04
European Growth	65.24	69.650	+ 0.18	0.06
International	207.90	221.90†	+ 0.60	0.10
Japan	183.60	196.20	- 2.20	
Pacific	410.90	439.20	+ 0.60	
Secs of America	666.18	708.50†	+ 5.20	0.11
Wwide Asset Val	60.03	64.170	+ 0.14	0.02
Specialist Trusts				
Asset Value	728.60	778.90†	+ 2.10	1.75
Cons & Gilt	54.40	58.150	+ 0.03	3.64
Smaller Cos	211.70	226.30	- 0.30	1.01
2nd Smaller Cos	200.80	214.60	- 0.30	0.72
Recovery	186.10	198.90†	+ 0.40	1.42
Met Min & Cdty	158.70	169.60†	+ 1.40	0.19
Oseas Emerging	483.60	516.90†	+ 1.40	0.94
Technology	241.30	257.90†	- 0.40	
UK Special Sits	646.50	691.10	+ 0.40	1.55
B & C E UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 01293 526 911				
Cntrctd Out Pens	132.60	137.90		
Foundtn Pers Pens	78.29	81.33		
For BSI-Thornhill see Thornhill				
BAILLIE GIFFORD & CO LTD 0131 222 4242				
America	380.30	405.90	+ 5.40	
Bond	122.60	129.00†	- 0.60	6.43
Brit Smlr Cos	116.20	123.60	- 0.30	1.81
Conv & Gen #	68.59	72.97†	- 0.19	5.29
Europe	333.20	353.50	+ 2.50	0.10
Euro Smlr Cos	127.30	135.80	+ 0.50	0.31
Income Grwth	399.30	424.60	+ 1.80	4.45
Japan	306.60	325.60	- 4.20	
Latin American	108.30	115.20	+ 1.20	0.56
Pacific	121.40	129.19	+ 1.20	0.51
UK Smlr Cos	60.75	64.63	- 0.07	1.24
Japan Fd	592.50	610.40	- 10.90	
Mngd Fd	223.60	237.30†	+ 0.10	2.58
BANK OF IRELAND FUND MGRS LTD 0171 489 8673				
Brit & Oseas	418.50	442.60	+ 1.90	0.80
Capital Grth	148.40	157.00	- 1.00	2.06
Wwide Opps	245.40	259.50	+ 1.30	0.84
BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD 0181 522 4000				
Balanced Trusts				
Gwth & Inc Inc	492.62	511.33†	+ 1.30	1.94
European Bd Inc	99.85	103.50		5.92
Exempt	94.59	100.60†	+ 0.20	2.48
500	515.10	553.90	- 0.10	2.04
General	367.00	390.30	+ 0.60	2.07
Property	261.90	283.10		5.45
Trustee	261.30	277.90	+ 0.50	2.03
Income Trusts				
Cash Inc	100.70	100.70†	+ 0.10	5.61
Distribution	127.23	121.90	- 0.20	5.63
Extra Income #	155.10	165.40†	+ 0.40	4.22
Gilt & Fxd Int	60.25	62.12†	- 0.22	7.57
Income #	659.50	703.50	+ 0.80	4.32
Income Builder #	75.40	80.30	- 0.10	4.95
Intl Income	79.88	94.98	+ 0.65	1.69
Growth Trusts - UK				
Capital	161.70	172.00	+ 0.30	1.94
FTSE 100	118.70	125.42†	+ 0.20	2.25
Leisure	185.30	198.70	+ 0.60	1.60
Recovery	564.20	601.90	+ 1.30	2.11
Smlr Cos Inc	61.37	65.43	- 0.12	2.14
Special Sits	484.60	494.20	+ 1.10	1.92
Growth Trusts - Overseas				
America	[illegible]	214.17†	+ 1.50	0.25
F East Gwth Acc	312.70	332.60	+ 3.60	0.40
Far East Gwth	185.50	197.30	+ 2.10	0.40
Euro Gwth Inc	220.40	233.30	+ 2.30	0.71
-do- Accum	239.70	252.70	+ 3.10	0.71
Japan	125.90	133.30	- 0.70	
-do- Accum	127.40	134.30	- 0.72	
Japan Spec Sits	59.91	62.36	0.35	
Worldwide	216.50	229.90	+ 1.20	0.62
BARING FUND MANAGERS LTD 0171 214 1004				
American Growth	155.50	164.20	+ 1.10	
Amer Smllr Cos	144.50	154.40	+ 2.30	
Convertibles	62.19	67.37	- 0.17	3.30
Eastern	291.80	313.50	+ 3.50	0.30
Equity Income #	112.90	122.70†	+ 0.20	4.23
European Growth	425.30	449.70†	+ 0.60	0.92
Europe	422.90	452.40	+ 3.10	0.80
German Growth	102.60	106.60	+ 1.40	0.50
Global Bond	72.30	76.06	+ 0.16	6.20
Global Growth	155.50	162.60	+ 0.83	0.43
Japan Growth	182.21	194.20	- 0.70	
Japan Sources	121.20	127.40	+ 1.50	
Korea Trust	51.21	55.00	- 0.27	
Portfolio	162.90	173.50	+ 0.22	2.00
-do- Accum	310.55	331.00	+ 0.43	2.00
UK Growth	122.40	131.40		3.00
UK Smaller Cos	136.60	115.70†		1.90
Select Managers	94.64	101.50	+ 0.30	1.00
BLACKSTONE FRANKS UT MGRS LTD 0171 250 3300				
Intl Gwth Port Inc	102.30	109.70		
Special Oppor Inc	68.21	72.56		
BRITANNIA FUND MGRS LTD 0141 223 6020				
Balanced Growth	164.94	177.62†	- 0.35	1.45
-do- Accum	193.30	201.08	- 0.45	1.45
Smaller Cos	126.52	133.50†	- 0.12	0.41
Higher Yield #	62.52	68.17†	+ 0.04	3.99
American Gth Inc	110.69	115.35	+ 1.23	
European Growth	189.70	196.56	+ 1.63	
-do- Accum	192.74	200.77	+ 1.66	
Mngd Ptolo Inc	58.54	60.92	+ 0.31	1.20
-do- Accum	61.05	63.60	+ 0.32	1.20
Intl Spec Opps	185.88	192.62	+ 1.30	
Pacific Gth	165.41	172.20	+ 3.22	
UK General #	111.27	115.91	- 1.26	2.95
-do- Accum #	120.74	125.77	- 1.37	2.95
Japan	52.27	54.45	- 0.42	
Gilt & Fixed Int #	102.90	106.66†	- 0.44	5.06
BURRAGE UNIT TST MGMT LTD 0171 493 7218				
Short Dated Gilt	64.56	65.40	0.56	6.43
CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD 0161 837 5060				
Europe	300.30	319.30	+ 0.40	1.29
UK Growth	247.70	254.30	+ 0.50	2.29
UK Income	166.70	175.00†		4.02
CANADA LIFE MGMT (UK) LTD 01707 822 100				
Can Gen Dist	258.60	274.10	+ 0.50	1.44
-do- Income Dist	139.90	148.20†	+ 0.10	3.31
-do- Accum	465.30	493.20†	+ 0.20	3.31
Gilt & Fxd Int	41.95	44.08	- 0.25	6.17
Growth Units	291.40	311.40	+ 0.50	1.23
Bond	181.50	190.90	- 0.56	6.90
Intl Growth	256.80	264.90†	+ 1.30	0.17
North American	298.60	306.70	+ 1.80	0.08
Far East	305.60	328.00	+ 3.25	0.59
UK Smaller Cos	247.30	264.50†	+ 0.70	1.69
European	109.00	115.70	+ 0.70	0.44
Japanese Growth	41.06	43.50	0.26	
High Income	247.30	264.10	- 0.30	3.95
CAPEL-CURE MYERS UT MGMT LTD 0161 831 7433 Enq 0161 831 7433 Dlg 0161 831 7455				
American & Gen	238.70	252.90	+ 2.90	
European Inc	111.30	118.00	+ 0.20	0.37
Smaller Cos (4-1)	112.90	120.20	- 3.29	7.47
Growth	629.40	659.00	+ 4.30	1.88
Income & Growth #	527.80	561.50	+ 3.90	3.37
-do- Accum #	809.20	860.90	+ 5.90	3.37
Japan & Gen	59.54	63.14	- 0.67	
Hallmark Gwth	£13.59	£14.16†	+ 4.00	1.63
-do- Accum	£16.92	£17.63	+ 5.00	1.63
Special Sits	142.20	151.38	- 0.48	1.89
High Yield	£16.80	£17.32†	- 6.00	3.86
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 0171 606 0708				
Cazenove Portfolio	110.31	117.68	+ 0.29	2.08
American Portfolio	137.85	146.22	+ 0.72	0.97
European Portfolio	156.32	166.39	+ 1.20	0.56
High Income	52.17	53.31†	- 0.40	7.02
Japanese Portfolio	61.13	64.95†	- 0.29	
Pacific Portfolio	159.73	171.76	+ 1.92	0.78
UK Equity	106.69	113.94	+ 0.16	3.09
UK Equity & Bd	62.20	65.92	- 0.06	6.10
UK Smlr Cos	54.84	58.66	+ 0.01	1.61
CBF CHURCH OF ENGLAND FUNDS 0171 588 1815				
Inv Fd Inc	861.86	874.68	...	3.93
Inv Fd Acc	861.86	874.88	...	
Fxd Int Sec Inc	161.64	162.23	...	8.81
Fxd Int Sec Acc	161.64	162.28	..	
COIF CHARITY FUNDS 0171 588 1815				
Investment Inc	856.46	869.40		3.98
Investment Acc	840.39	841.00		
Fixed Int Inc	131.45	131.97		8.79
Fixed Int Acc	250.10	251.10		
CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD 0171 407 5966				
Beckman Intl	87.30	92.04		5.44
Beck Bio-Tech	39.33	42.87	+ 0.49	
Accum Ethical Tst	192.92	202.58	...	0.42
City Fin Assets	84.45	88.88†		1.90
City Fin Inc	93.52	98.20†		0.06
Friars Hse Cap	330.03	351.10		2.27
Buckley Wrld Grth	146.42	155.30		
J Sel Inc/Gth Inc	63.34	66.51	+ 3.45	3.22
Shaw Utilities	67.36	68.97†	- 0.03	6.42
CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD 0171 711 0771 Admin: 01277 227 300				
Emerging Markets	60.10	63.77	+ 0.75	
CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD 0345 772 233				
American Grth	85.86	91.34	+ 1.22	
Dragon Growth	72.07	77.08	+ 0.69	0.32
Equity High Inc	104.10	110.15	+ 0.32	3.51
-do- Accum	152.61	161.49	+ 0.48	3.51
Extra Income Inc	27.59	29.04	- 0.09	6.78
Extra Income Acc	31.21	32.88	- 0.11	6.76
European Grth	74.17	78.49	- 0.05	0.31
Evergreen	32.78	35.05	+ 0.08	
General Equity	121.52	128.25	+ 0.31	2.51
Japan Growth	42.69	45.42	- 0.47	
Pedigree Grth	72.17	76.37	+ 0.16	1.98
Pad Sm Cos Inc	40.55	42.91†	- 0.01	1.21
-do- Accum	43.42	45.95	- 0.01	1.21
Retirement Inc #	31.25	33.24	+ 0.09	5.37
Special Sits	51.96	55.87	+ 0.03	2.70
UK & Overseas	67.02	70.92	+ 0.34	0.59
COLONIAL UNIT TRUSTS (UK) LTD 01634 888 000				
Balanced	77.07	80.28	+ 0.02	3.85
Capital	93.32	97.20	+ 0.09	2.26
High Income	53.89	56.13†	- 0.19	6.59
Top 50	66.30	68.95	+ 0.18	2.34
COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MGRS LTD 0181 686 9818				
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)				
Income Funds				
Equity Inc	212.85	221.74†	+ 0.06	4.14
Long Gilt	46.23	48.13†	- 0.47	5.84
Monthly Inc Plus	53.54	55.78	- 0.21	8.03
Preference Share	50.63	52.75†	- 0.26	7.39
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	157.42	164.00†	- 0.14	5.20
Managed Fund	82.42	85.86†	+ 0.19	2.58
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	56.31	58.66†	+ 2.14	1.62
-do- Accum	67.34	70.15†	+ 2.56	1.62
UK & General	110.27	114.88†	+ 0.31	2.63
-do- Accum	146.18	152.29†	+ 0.30	2.63
UK Growth	220.85	230.09†	+ 0.35	1.22
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	250.15	260.60†	+ 0.75	0.56
Far Eastern Grth	132.90	138.45†	+ 0.77	0.02
Global Bond	74.18	77.26†	+ 0.36	8.42
Japan Growth	104.83	109.21†	- 1.08	
North Amer Grth	272.87	284.27†	+ 1.59	
Oriental Growth	85.14	88.70†	+ 0.92	0.26
Worldwide Growth	79.31	82.62†	+ 0.32	
OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PPT FUNDS)				
Deposit Fund	92.02	92.02†	+ 0.01	5.60
Homeowner Fund	98.77	105.09	+ 0.17	2.05
Quilter Fund	172.03	183.03	+ 1.11	1.97
CONSISTENT UNIT TST MGMT CO LTD 0171 407 5966				
Consistent UT	38.55	41.20	- 0.32	3.83
COOKE (HENRY) INV FUNDS LTD 0800 526 358				
Growth	194.80	207.00†	- 0.10	1.65
Income	79.57	84.65	+ 0.06	4.19
European	86.64	92.17	+ 0.53	0.33
Recovery	186.60	198.50	+ 0.40	2.66
CO-OP PENSION FDS UT MGRS LTD 0171 283 9494				
Equity Dist	1110.70	1128.70		3.01
CREDIT SUISSE INV FDS (UK) LTD 01277 690 370				
Fellowship Tst	117.00	124.40	+ 0.20	1.09
Income #	307.40	327.00†	+ 0.60	4.21
-do- Accum #	836.20	889.50	+ 1.60	4.21
Smaller Cos	235.90	250.90	+ 0.30	0.95
-do- Accum	293.90	312.60	+ 0.30	0.95
Gilt Portfolio	108.80	115.70	+ 0.10	1.23
High Inc Port #	90.87	96.67	+ 0.17	4.32
DIMENSIONAL TST MGMT LTD 0171 470 1634				
Global Sm Cos	1734.50	1766.90	+ 11.50	
UK Small Cos	2353.40	2390.60	- 15.20	2.87
DISCRETIONARY UNIT FUND MGRS 0171 377 8819				
Disc Inc	243.00	250.50		3.14
EAGLE STAR UNIT MGRS LTD 01242 577 555				
UK Balanced Inc	195.40	207.80	+ 0.30	1.55
UK High Inc Inc	202.10	215.00†	+ 0.90	3.31
-do- Accum	281.80	299.70†	+ 0.60	3.31
UK Pref & F I Inc	62.15	66.01	- 0.45	5.68
Emerald Opps	114.30	121.50†	- 0.10	0.82
UK Smll Cos #	75.14	79.93	- 0.32	0.84
Extra Income Inc	52.25	55.56	- 0.23	6.57
EDINBURGH UNIT TST MGRS LTD 0345 080 526				
Convertibles #	23.81	25.30		5.53
Enterprise	116.30	123.30	- 0.20	2.03
Equity Income #	157.60	167.70		3.82
European	71.89	76.03	+ 0.45	
Financial	66.59	70.75	+ 0.06	1.41
Growth & Inc #	319.10	339.00	+ 0.40	2.58
High Dist #	195.30	208.10†	+ 0.30	4.08
International	453.20	481.50	+ 1.50	0.21
Int Cap Inc	116.50	124.40†	+ 0.90	2.17
Latin American	37.56	39.91	+ 0.45	
Pacific	85.03	90.34	+ 0.59	
Pref High Inc	23.42	24.88†	- 0.13	7.23
Tokyo	197.70	209.00	- 1.00	
UK Smaller Cos	257.10	273.20†	+ 0.50	1.10
Dunedin Unit Trusts				
Japan Sm Cos	337.60	357.70†	- 4.10	
Nth Amer	476.90	505.50	+ 4.50	0.58
UK Inc & Gth	282.10	300.90†	+ 0.90	2.46
ELY PLACE UNIT MGRS LTD 0171 242 0242				
BRI Director Dlgs	131.00	140.11†	+ 3.04	1.02
Growth Acc	297.32	316.74	+ 11.10	0.61
Income	626.34	667.05	+ 8.22	5.96
ENDURANCE FUND MGMT LTD 0171 373 7281				
Endurance Fd	246.60	262.30†	+ 0.90	1.14
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 01296 431 480				
European	106.15	111.74	+ 0.47	1.53
Ethical Tst	50.07	52.70	+ 0.26	0.89
Far Eastern	309.66	325.96	+ 0.83	1.62
High Income	156.58	165.07†	+ 0.31	4.40
UK Index Tracking	60.53	63.72	+ 0.11	2.84
Intl Growth	152.41	160.43	+ 0.28	0.86
North American	166.35	175.10	+ 0.76	1.76
Pelican	163.49	172.09†	+ 0.35	2.80
Smaller Cos	75.78	79.77	- 0.11	2.51
Special Sits	98.90	104.11	- 0.13	2.56
Tst of Inv Tsts	234.13	246.50	+ 0.44	1.32
EXETER FUND MANAGERS LTD 01392 412 144				
Capital Growth	112.92	119.87†	- 0.02	
Fd of Inv Tsts	57.02	60.50	- 0.07	0.48
High Income #	41.00	43.47†	+ 0.06	11.50
Mar & Gl Secs	49.55	53.28	- 0.09	
Zero Preference	46.72	49.57	+ 0.01	
FAMILY INVESTMENT MGMT LTD 01273 220 707				
Family Asset Tst	108.00	114.60†		2.34
United Charities	346.50	368.60†	- 1.10	1.88
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVS LTD Callfree: Private Clients 0800 414 161				
Cash Fund				
Cash Fund	100.00	100.00		5.80
Bond Funds				
Intl Bond	26.70	27.69†	+ 0.05	5.29
Strategic Inc	28.41	29.70†	- 0.04	5.72
Income Funds				
High Income	29.78	30.71†	+ 0.01	5.10
Income Plus	149.20	158.70	+ 0.40	3.79
European Income	57.45	61.06	+ 0.26	2.23
UK Gen Gth	35.73	38.00	+ 0.14	2.20
Equity Funds				
ASEAN	55.17	58.95	+ 0.65	
American	362.60	385.00	+ 4.40	
Amer Spec Sits	200.60	214.10†	+ 2.70	
Japan Smaller Cos	26.21	27.87	- 0.22	
Europe	272.10	292.20	+ 0.90	0.47
European Opps	97.33	103.40	+ 0.30	0.56
Global Ptfo	36.36	38.67	+ 0.16	0.42
UK Growth	137.50	146.30	+ 0.10	1.33
Growth & Inc	204.70	217.20	+ 0.80	2.20
Intl PEP	54.69	58.18	+ 0.23	0.94
Japan Spec Sits	74.86	79.30	- 0.92	
Japan	168.60	179.90	- 1.90	
Managed Intl	398.60	423.30	+ 1.00	0.64
Moneybuilder	71.48	76.01	+ 0.15	
Recovery	66.79	71.02	- 0.01	1.92
South E Asia	198.10	211.20	+ 1.30	0.91
Special Sits	802.80	853.60	+ 1.00	0.52
Specialist Funds				
Cash Accum Units	119.22	119.22	+ 0.02	5.80
FLEMING PRIVATE FUND MGMT LTD 0171 814 2780				
Balanced #	161.29	161.78		1.69
Finsbury Pvt Inc #	103.20	104.00†	- 0.20	5.97
Cap Ptflo	181.70	183.10	+ 0.50	0.19
General Opps	158.40	157.80†		3.16
Growth Inc	42.63	43.06†	+ 0.19	1.72
Private Portfolio	527.50	535.00		1.18
FOREIGN & COLONIAL UNIT MGT Dlg 01277 690 398 Admin/Val 01277 690 350				
Euro Smllr Cos	164.30	174.50	+ 1.40	0.07
High Income	23.70	25.17†	+ 0.08	8.94
Japan Smlr Cos	15.90	17.03	- 0.15	
US Smaller Cos	452.60	484.30	+ 5.80	
For Foster & Braithwaite see Quilter				
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MGMT LTD Enq 0171 330 6500 Dealing 0345 775611				
American Growth	82.54	87.71	+ 0.44	
-do- Accum	82.54	87.71	+ 0.44	
Amer Smllr Cos	654.40	679.90	+ 17.80	
-do- Accum	663.50	715.00	+ 18.20	
Capital Tst	415.40	443.00	- 0.70	1.26
-do- Accum	615.00	654.30	- 1.00	1.26
Contl Smllr Cos	64.93	69.27	+ 0.28	0.97
-do- Accum	69.08	73.71	+ 0.31	0.97
Convertible	147.20	156.70	+ 3.00	5.17
-do- Accum	326.50	347.30	+ 4.60	5.17
Emerging Markets	71.40	76.76	+ 0.86	0.54
-do- Accum	71.97	76.80	+ 0.88	0.54
European	172.30	182.30†	+ 0.40	0.50
-do- Accum	183.70	194.00†	+ 0.40	0.50
Extra Income	430.80	458.30	+ 1.50	4.02
-do- Accum	694.60	738.90	+ 2.30	4.02
Financial	203.60	216.60†	+ 0.90	0.46
-do- Accum	218.60	231.90†	+ 0.80	0.46
Gilt Trust	63.21	65.17†	- 0.16	6.65
-do- Accum	101.30	104.40†	0.30	6.65
Health Fund Inc	256.30	273.80†	+ 4.20	
-do- Accum	258.30	273.80†	+ 4.20	
Income & Growth	249.40	265.30†	+ 0.40	4.08
-do- Accum	408.10	434.10†	+ 0.80	4.08
Intl Growth	445.40	474.00†	+ 1.70	
-do- Accum	494.80	527.30†	+ 1.80	
Japan & Gen	154.20	163.80	- 1.80	
-do- Accum	155.80	165.40	- 1.90	
Monthly Inc #	217.90	231.80†	+ 0.60	4.26
-do- Accum #	222.90	237.10†	+ 0.60	4.26
Managed Ptfl Inc	128.80	135.60†	+ 0.20	1.32
-do- Accum	141.70	149.20†	+ 0.30	1.32
Quarterly Income #	60.29	64.53†	+ 0.20	5.07
-do- Accum #	71.21	76.23†	+ 0.25	5.07
Recovery	349.20	373.58	+ 0.18	
-do- Accum	412.20	440.99	+ 0.20	
UK Growth	72.93	77.58†	- 0.04	2.76
-do- Accum	80.57	85.71†	- 0.04	2.76
FRIENDS PROVIDENT UNIT TRUSTS Dealing 01722 715836 Enq 01722 715834				
FP American	71.07	75.60	+ 0.55	...
FP Am Smllr Cos	201.00	214.40†	+ 3.20	
FP Asian Growth	286.80	306.00†	+ 5.80	
FP Australian	461.50	492.20	+ 8.80	
FP Equity Dist	513.20	547.40†	+ 1.80	2.14
-do- Accum	£11.57	£12.34	+ 3.00	2.14
FP Euro Gth	345.00	368.00	+ 3.80	
-do- Accum	378.00	403.20	+ 3.60	
FP Intl Bond	55.95	59.20	+ 0.27	4.30
FP Intl Gth Dist	41.85	44.84	+ 0.23	
-do- Accum	61.47	65.56	+ 0.32	
FP Pac Basin Acc	223.50	238.40	+ 2.00	
FP Income #	66.23	70.64	- 0.05	4.55
-do- Accum #	235.40	251.00	- 0.30	4.55
FP Jap Smllr Cos	342.90	358.40	- 3.40	
FP Monthly Dist #	81.46	86.89†	- 0.11	5.14
FP Stg Deposit	100.60	100.60†		5.14
FP Tokyo	74.08	79.01	- 0.92	
FP UK Focus	48.00	51.20†	+ 0.13	1.48
FP UK Growth	228.30	243.50	+ 0.70	1.77
-do- Accum	464.30	495.20	+ 1.20	1.77
Stewardship Dist	466.50	497.60†	- 0.60	1.23
-do- Accum	593.50	633.00	- 0.80	1.23
Stwdship Inc Dst #	79.98	85.31†	- 0.14	4.86
-do- Accum #	113.10	120.60	- 0.20	4.86
N Am Stshp Dist..	141.80	151.20	+ 0.70	0.12
-do- Accum	152.60	162.70	+ 0.70	0.12
FP Exempt Trust				
Inst Ethical In #	116.80	117.90		2.90
Inst Ethical Ac #	116.80	117.30	.	2.90
FP Managed Portfolio Service				
Capital Grth Acc	139.00	147.80†	- 0.20	0.70
Open Cap Gth Acc	141.60	150.60†	+ 0.20	
Cap Gth Inc Inc #	126.80	134.80	- 0.20	2.99
Cap Gth Inc Acc #	135.80	144.40	- 0.20	2.99
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ic #	131.10	139.40	+ 0.10	3.74
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ac #	142.10	151.10	+ 0.20	3.74
GA UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 0345 581 106/7				
GAMDA	335.20	355.70†	+ 0.50	1.62
Cash	49.38	50.12†	+ 0.01	4.55
Growth Portfolio	99.91	106.30	+ 0.30	
Income Portfolio	80.37	85.27†	+ 0.46	2.56
GEM DOLPHIN INV MGRS LTD 0171 238 6441				
Special Sits	242.20	259.00	+ 0.40	0.50
Dividend	110.90	118.60	+ 0.20	3.92
Intl Gth & Inc	276.50	295.70	+ 0.20	1.40
UK & Gen	55.64	59.51	+ 0.02	1.20
Fund of Funds	80.03	85.59	+ 0.10	
GT GLOBAL FUND MGMT LTD Inv 0800 212274 Dealing 0171 626 9431				
American Smlr Cos	208.98	223.50	+ 4.30	0.15
European Gth	832.60	885.00	+ 5.70	0.54
Euro Eq & Bd Inc	57.76	61.23	+ 0.28	3.90
-do- Accum	66.33	70.31	+ 0.32	3.90
High Yield #	51.88	54.80†	- 0.09	7.48
-do- Accum #	59.97	63.35	- 0.10	7.48
Income Inc	215.00	230.09	+ 0.28	3.75
-do- Accum	249.70	267.18	+ 0.20	3.75
Intl Growth	404.10	428.70	+ 2.40	0.29
Intl Income	105.60	111.80	+ 1.20	2.44
Japan Growth	446.30	473.40	- 2.80	
Orient Acc	208.50	223.00	+ 3.80	0.13
UK General Inc	204.60	218.80	+ 0.30	1.60
UK General Acc	367.80	392.90	+ 0.70	1.60
UK Sm Cos Div Acc	65.08	69.61	- 0.09	1.67
UK Spec Sits	114.40	122.40	...	1.34
US Growth	207.40	219.40	+ 1.70	
Wwide Spec Sits	170.80	181.50	+ 0.90	
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS 0171 782 2000 Dlgs only: 01277 264 421				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	66.30	70.84	+ 0.31	1.99
Practical Inv Inc #	133.34	142.61†	+ 0.20	3.37
-do- Accum #	324.07	346.60†	+ 0.49	3.37
UK Index	205.88	206.72	+ 0.43	2.95
UK Smaller Cos	234.37	250.66	+ 0.13	0.36
Income Funds				
Extra Yield	25.47	26.39†	- 0.10	7.01
High Income	38.53	41.12†	+ 0.01	4.43
UK Growth & Inc	179.33	191.79	+ 0.89	2.97
Global Bond	28.17	29.20†	+ 0.08	4.66
International Funds				
Emerging Markets	50.99	54.54†	+ 0.56	
Global Managed	156.17	165.98†	+ 0.95	1.17
Gold & Intl Res	108.20	115.72	+ 0.88	
Global Utilities	164.91	175.77	+ 0.34	0.86
Overseas Funds				
American	219.41	232.55	+ 2.68	0.58
European	160.81	170.53	+ 0.45	0.60
Euro Sel Opps	246.85	262.17	+ 0.41	
Amer Emerging	171.16	182.74	+ 2.64	
Hong Kong	203.80	217.90	+ 2.73	0.98
Japan	204.26	216.78	- 1.60	
Pacific Growth	224.81	241.05	+ 2.63	
Gartmore Pensions Strategy Funds				
Managed Equity	284.54	284.54†	+ 0.72	1.77
Long Term Bd	302.20	302.20†	+ 0.60	2.58
Med Term Bd	246.07	246.07†	- 0.64	3.80
UK Equity	340.34	340.34†	+ 1.88	2.36
UK Emerging Cos	189.76	189.76	- 0.13	1.97
American	375.59	375.59	+ 2.63	0.48
Japan	120.39	120.39	- 1.19	
European	417.24	417.24	+ 1.39	0.71
Index Linked Gilt	192.30	192.30	- 2.22	2.67
Fixed Interest	189.08	189.08†	- 0.43	6.97
Amer Emerging	380.33	380.33	+ 5.95	
Pacific	226.78	226.78	+ 7.81	0.83
Emerging Mkts	136.31	136.31	- 1.59	0.61
Index Strat Japan	127.01	127.01	- 1.04	0.26
-do- Pacific Rim	205.87	205.87	+ 2.78	1.17
-do- Cont Europe	221.65	221.65	+ 0.59	1.25
Index Strat USA	223.61	223.61	+ 1.56	1.35
Gartmore Personal Pension Funds				
Managed Equity	134.38	142.96	+ 0.37	
Med Term Bd	117.74	125.25	- 0.32	
Cash Trust	150.27	150.27†	+ 0.02	5.46
Long Term Bd	136.41	145.11	+ 0.29	
UK Equity	158.59	168.70	+ 0.53	
UK Emerging Cos	89.43	95.13	- 0.06	
American	174.31	185.43	+ 1.30	
Japan	57.58	61.25	- 0.61	
European	173.63	184.71	+ 0.62	
Fixed Interest	97.90	104.14	- 1.45	
Index Linked Gilt	85.77	91.24	- 1.05	
Deposit	90.58	96.33	+ 0.01	
Broker Unit Trusts				
BWH Intl	165.65	174.58	- 0.13	0.49
GLOBAL ASSET MANAGEMENT GAM Sterling Management 0171 493 9990				
Stlg & Intl Inc	715.60	761.28	+ 11.96	0.60
-do- Accum	812.28	864.13	+ 13.58	0.60
European Inc	199.95	212.30		1.08
Anaiyan Inc	173.70	184.79		
N America Inc	426.85	454.10	+ 3.73	
Far East Inc	375.86	399.85	+ 2.09	0.17
-do- Accum	390.11	415.00	+ 2.16	0.17
UK Dvdd Inc	229.75	244.45	+ 0.25	1.71
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MGMT LTD 0171 378 7979 Dealing: 0171 407 7888				
Protected Funds				
UK Safeguard	130.550	139.110	+ 0.15	
Do NAV to Jun 20	123.59	123.59		
UK Equity Safeguard	102.78	109.92	+ 0.20	2.47
Do NAV to Jun 30	96.69	96.69		
Cash	9.5783	9.5759		5.50
UK Growth Funds				
UK Equity Gen	322.50	343.10†	+ 1.90	1.79
British Growth	75.98	81.15	+ 0.20	1.43
UK Small Cos	77.14	82.49†	+ 1.80	0.49
FTSE 250 Index	93.44	99.93	- 0.50	2.11
Geared UK Index	20.0166	21.1312†	+ 0.09	5.00
Income Funds				
UK Equity Inc #	102.93	110.08†	+ 0.50	4.24
Corp Bd	79.91	82.47	- 0.34	
Monthly Inc	41.23	43.94†	+ 0.10	8.72
International Funds				
American Gen	265.80	281.30	+ 1.40	
American Strat	229.93	245.90	+ 3.90	
JG US Index	20.3579	21.4506†		4.00
European Gen	320.20	338.70	+ 3.70	0.71
European Strat	136.76	146.26	+ 1.10	
Japan Gen	147.00	155.50	- 1.00	
Japan Strat	49.64	53.08	- 0.50	
Asia Pacific	100.76	107.75	+ 1.67	
Pacific Strat	162.60	173.89†	+ 1.00	
Greater China	264.15	282.50	+ 3.90	
Latin America	115.51	123.53	+ 1.90	
Inf Growth	173.09	185.96	+ 1.60	
Balanced Emrgs	149.40	153.60		2.38
GUARDIAN UT MGRS LTD 0171 538 9688				
European	677.30	723.60	+ 6.50	0.15
Gilt & Fixed	135.10	143.20	- 0.60	5.46
Growth Equity	494.70	528.50†	- 2.50	1.19
Income Trust	171.40	183.10	+ 0.10	3.77
International	222.70	237.90	+ 0.60	0.09
Japan Trust	113.00	120.70	- 1.20	
Nth American	392.50	419.30†	+ 4.90	
Pacific	573.70	612.90†	+ 6.30	0.08
Guardbill	724.90	774.00	+ 0.50	1.26
GUINNESS FLIGHT UT MGRS LTD 0171 522 2129				
EMU Trust	101.62	105.46	- 0.12	5.13
Global High Inc	95.86	99.52†	+ 0.13	5.44
Corporate Bond	108.35	112.48	- 0.56	7.00
Eqty & Bond Inc	121.57	129.26†	+ 0.10	4.78
European Growth	149.09	158.52	- 0.41	
Intl PEP Trust	79.94	85.00	+ 0.30	
Equity Inc	152.80	162.46†	- 1.40	3.41
-do- Accum	229.98	244.44	- 2.10	3.41
Recovery	456.20	485.00†	- 9.40	2.53
-do- Accum	548.58	583.10	- 11.30	2.53
St Venc High Inc	139.24	141.32	- 3.39	8.91
UK Emerg Cos	317.50	337.50†	- 16.00	2.80
UK Smlr Cos	436.30	444.00	- 0.10	2.09
Glob Prv Tst	143.05	152.10	+ 0.55	0.94
-do- Accum	148.72	158.13	+ 0.57	0.94
Inc Share Tst	97.34	103.50	+ 0.36	8.47
Small Cos	106.83	113.57	- 0.36	1.96
HALIFAX UT MGMT LTD Dealing: 0171 230 5050				
Balanced Inc	59.95	63.57		3.32
Balanced Acc	64.53	68.43	+ 0.01	3.32
Growth	37.22	39.48	+ 0.10	1.50
Growth Acc	38.75	41.09	+ 0.10	1.50
Income	35.79	37.95	+ 0.14	4.06
Income Acc	38.83	41.17	+ 0.14	4.06
Dealing: 01904 611110				
Accumulation Tst	30.38	32.92	+ 0.10	2.86
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 690 390				
High Provider	101.60	105.00†	- 0.50	6.45
Mcdd Ptslo	272.50	288.50	- 0.10	2.01
HARGREAVES LANSDOWN FUND MGRS LTD Enquiries: 01277 690 230 Dealing: 01277 690 412				
UK Pprf Acc	48.67	51.64	+ 0.30	2.94
HENDERSON INVESTORS Enquiries: 0645 494949 Dealing: 0645 484646				
UK Funds				
UK Enterprise	392.08	420.37	+ 2.02	0.54
Best of British	81.75	86.89†	- 0.14	2.35
UK Smaller Cos	165.28	177.67	- 0.37	0.73
High Income Funds				
Income & Growth #	344.79	367.18†	- 4.90	3.66
-do- Accum #	£10.02	£10.67	+ 3.81	3.68
High Income	376.66	402.64†	+ 0.94	3.97
Extra Income #	325.25	345.90	+ 0.46	5.66
Pref & Bond	51.32	53.03†	- 0.22	8.00
International				
Ethical	130.37	139.43	+ 0.23	1.54
International	356.82	378.00†	+ 1.05	
Global Bond	54.58	57.07	+ 0.12	5.65
Ind Pnd Tst	107.85	115.33	- 0.08	0.44
Global Tech	227.43	243.27†	+ 1.30	
Overseas Funds				
Asian Enterprise	200.38	214.02	+ 2.27	0.48
European	725.47	767.93†	+ 0.14	0.48
European Income #	107.18	113.45	+ 0.20	2.96
Euro Smlr Cos	225.48	240.98†	+ 0.54	1.07
European Value	107.19	114.33†	+ 0.46	
-do- Accum	115.75	123.35	+ 0.43	
Japan Trust	201.86	214.65	- 0.18	
Japan Smlr Cos	182.81	193.82	- 1.99	
Pacific Smlr Cos	235.47	250.86	+ 2.83	
North American	363.44	385.28	+ 3.49	..
American Smaller	179.79	191.70†	+ 3.06	
HIGH PEAK UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
Income & Growth #	173.40	182.60	+ 0.90	4.96
HILL SAMUEL UNIT TST MGRS 0181 686 4355				
British	140.44	147.06†	+ 0.59	1.54
Capital	225.71	238.35	+ 0.78	1.54
Dollar	558.29	584.53	+ 4.92	...
Enterprise Gth	453.48	474.84	+ 1.34	0.78
European	321.63	338.78	+ 1.04	0.11
Far East	300.84	314.61	+ 0.05	0.53
Financial	£12.80	£13.40	+ 4.55	1.32
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	27.33	28.42†	- 0.13	6.51
High Yield #	126.74	132.71	+ 0.36	4.49
Income & Growth #	185.56	194.30†	+ 0.82	3.34
International	317.59	332.56	+ 1.05	0.31
Japanese General	181.11	189.64	- 1.98	
Japan Tech	81.77	85.62	- 1.32	
Nat Resources	79.85	83.61†	+ 0.86	0.60
Portfolio	90.72	95.00†	+ 0.22	1.27
Special Sits	232.26	243.18	- 0.17	0.07
UK Emerging Cos	138.07	144.58	+ 0.06	0.96
US Smaller Cos	158.65	168.13	+ 2.40	
HSBC UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD Advisers 0800 181 890 Investors 0800 289 505				
Active Funds-UK				
Income #	727.70	776.60	+ 2.80	4.36
UK Growth	801.90	856.80†	+ 1.80	1.44
High Income #	128.70	137.30†	+ 0.30	5.54
Active Funds-International				
American Gwth	702.00	742.20†	+ 1.30	0.28
EuroMeast Gwth	176.10	187.00	+ 0.10	0.29
Japan Gwth	259.50	275.70	- 1.60	
Japan Smll Cos	28.00	29.88	- 0.17	.
Asian	62.33	66.52	+ 0.68	
Sing & Malay Gwth	84.41	90.09†	+ 0.93	
Hong Kong Gwth	204.30	217.70	+ 3.50	0.89
Global Bond	21.24	22.38	- 0.09	4.89
Index Funds-UK				
UK Index	193.60	194.60	+ 0.60	3.83
Totals Index	134.50	139.00	+ 0.10	3.08
THE FOOTSIE FUND	77.77	78.16	+ 0.27	2.22
Index Funds-International				
American Index	338.30	349.00	+ 1.90	0.88
Eurotrack 100	230.30	231.50	+ 0.40	1.28
Japan Index	67.12	67.46	- 0.45	0.10
Tiger Index	177.00	181.10	+ 1.20	0.08
INVESCO FUND MANAGERS LTD 0171 626 3434 Dealing: 0800 010 733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
UK Smaller Cos	55.53	57.99	- 0.02	1.19
General Funds				
Managed Dist	97.07	101.40†	+ 0.30	1.01
Managed	100.50	105.00†	+ 0.30	1.01
Rapid Child Fnd	121.68	126.70†	+ 0.20	1.82
UK Growth	79.89	83.44†	+ 0.11	1.47
High Income Funds				
UK Extra Inc #	98.28	102.60	- 0.10	5.20
Gilt & Fixed Int #	27.81	28.70	- 0.10	7.45
UK Inc & Gwth	54.61	57.03†	+ 0.17	2.67
UK Income #	421.10	439.80†	+ 0.90	4.08
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Growth	67.84	70.29	+ 0.87	.
Amer Smllr Cos	163.70	171.00	+ 3.10	.
-do- Accum	165.40	172.70	+ 3.00	
Europe Gth	275.30	287.50	+ 1.30	
-do- Accum	285.10	297.80	+ 1.30	.
Euro Smaller Cos	50.36	52.43	+ 0.23	
French Growth	110.00	114.40	- 0.80	0.03
-do- Accum	119.10	123.80	- 0.90	0.03
H Kong & China	133.00	138.60	+ 0.80	0.47
Intl Growth	75.55	78.69	+ 0.26	0.36
-do- Accum	76.97	80.17	+ 0.27	0.36
Japan Gth	26.66	27.79	- 0.27	.
-do- Accum	26.66	27.79	- 0.27	
Japan Smaller Cos	30.48	31.81	- 0.26	
Glob Emg Mkts	102.80	107.40	+ 1.10	
-do- Accum	103.50	108.10	+ 1.10	0.11
SE Asia	350.10	365.60	+ 4.10	
Overseas Income Funds				
Intl Bond #	49.50	51.02†	+ 0.12	6.35
JOHNSON FRY UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD Enq 01277 227300 Dealing 01277 690446				
UK Income #	119.20	127.00†		3.21
UK Growth	122.80	130.88†		1.61
Hy 5 Europe	111.20	116.90	+ 0.80	1.91
Slater Grwth	215.70	230.10	+ 0.50	0.87
New Japan	85.42	90.18	- 0.50	.
JUPITER UT MGRS LTD 0171 581 3020				
World Health	193.00	205.30	+ 4.60	
Income #	247.88	263.70	+ 0.47	3.93
UK Growth	95.26	101.34	- 0.08	1.83
Intl Growth	95.15	101.22	+ 0.28	0.55
Ecology	111.29	118.39†	+ 0.63	0.88
European	240.12	255.34	+ 0.89	0.20
Far Eastern	323.50	344.10	+ 1.40	
UK Special Sits	60.53	64.56†	+ 0.06	0.37
Fd of Inv Tsts	58.02	61.88†	+ 0.12	
High Income #	56.33	60.08†	+ 0.10	4.66

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KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUSTS Dealers 0171 956 7354				
Income Trusts				
Bond Income	105.00	108.50	- 0.20	6.63
Euro Priv Inc	116.40	123.80	+ 0.60	2.75
-do- Accum	116.40	123.90	+ 0.60	2.75
Gilt Yield	122.60	129.30	- 0.90	6.26
Global Income	249.70	265.60†	+ 1.70	2.94
High Yield	184.10	195.90†	+ 0.10	4.76
-do- Accum	621.00	660.60†	- 0.20	4.76
Money Market	99.85	99.88†	+ 0.01	5.65
Smlr Cos Dlv	65.84	70.04†		3.69
Tomorrows Co Ex Acc	10.89	11.03	- 0.01	3.40
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smllr Cos	164.70	175.20	+ 1.30	
Asian Growth	309.70	329.50	+ 3.90	
-do- Accum	364.00	387.20	+ 4.40	
North American	122.90	130.70	+ 0.70	
European Special	150.70	160.30	+ 1.00	1.04
European	208.30	221.60	+ 1.00	0.43
-do- Accum	275.90	293.50	+ 1.40	0.43
Global Eqty Inc	134.20	142.50	+ 0.20	1.96
Japan	367.80	391.30	- 7.00	
Japanese Special	192.80	205.10	- 3.30	
Smaller Cos	159.90	170.10†	+ 0.20	0.92
UK Equity Growth	62.93	66.95	+ 0.03	1.06
UK Index Inc	384.90	396.80†	+ 0.70	3.43
Bircham Tst	117.70	126.40†	+ 2.20	1.53
-do- Accum	119.60	128.50†	+ 2.10	1.58
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MGMT 0171 407 5966				
Bridge Income	348.09	370.31†	+ 1.09	4.46
Edl Growth	107.22	114.06†		1.32
Inc & Growth	77.80	82.77	+ 0.15	3.42
Smaller Cos	100.14	106.53†	- 0.03	1.19
Ever Spec Sit Inc	63.35	67.39†	+ 0.06	1.68
Ever Spec Sit Acc	66.47	70.71†	+ 0.06	1.68
LAZARD UNIT TST MGRS LTD 01277 690 432				
UK Cap	513.80	545.10	+ 1.50	1.60
UK Inc/Gth #	547.20	580.60	+ 0.90	3.30
UK Income #	385.40	408.90†	+ 2.10	4.13
UK Sm Cos	312.50	332.60	- 0.30	1.77
Euro Gwth	183.30	194.50	- 0.20	0.15
N Amer Gwth	137.00	145.40	+ 1.00	
Japan Growth	54.05	57.35	- 0.49	
LEGAL & GENERAL (UT MGRS) LTD Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 690 395				
Equity Dist	670.70	670.70†	+ 2.00	2.44
-do- Accum	£13.98	£13.98†	+ 4.00	2.44
Equity Income #	114.60	114.60	+ 0.10	4.56
UK Tactical Allocn	78.33	78.35	+ 0.19	4.00
European	169.50	169.50	+ 0.10	0.67
Far Eastern	230.50	230.50	+ 2.00	
Fixed Interest	56.82	56.82	- 0.14	6.76
Gilt	93.66	93.66†	- 0.49	6.10
Global Growth	86.95	86.95†	+ 0.29	0.37
Intl Bond	41.65	41.65	+ 0.15	4.65
Japanese	65.72	65.72	- 0.26	
North American	248.90	248.80	+ 2.00	0.46
Pacific Growth	124.30	124.30	+ 1.70	0.43
Pacific Index	48.91	48.91	+ 0.65	1.99
UK Index	87.97	87.97†	+ 0.27	2.92
UK Recovery	126.20	126.20†	+ 0.70	1.95
UK Smaller Cos	168.60	168.60	0.10	1.36
US Index	98.42	99.47	+ 0.67	1.03
European Index	107.00	107.00		1.31
Japan Index	34.58	34.58	- 0.08	
Worldwide	107.80	107.80†	+ 0.40	1.40
LINCOLN UNIT TRUST MGRS 01452 371 500 Dealing: 01452 371 623				
Growth	63.77	68.20†	- 0.07	2.49
Income	75.24	80.46	+ 0.23	3.91
Far East	48.72	52.10	+ 0.13	
North American	143.60	153.20	+ 2.10	
Global	101.60	108.80	- 0.10	0.29
European	114.50	122.30	+ 0.50	0.66
Japan	87.94	94.05	- 0.65	
Intl Currency Bd	56.70	60.06	+ 0.14	4.79
SE Asia	102.30	109.40	+ 0.90	0.33
UK Cap Growth	115.60	123.60	+ 1.10	1.45
Recovery Trust	96.68	103.40†		1.37
Managed	79.28	84.79	+ 0.09	1.55
Cash	50.59	50.59	+ 0.01	4.47
LLOYDS BK UNIT TST MGRS LTD Helpdesk: 01634 834 338 Dealing: 01634 834 313				
Balanced	462.50	491.80†	+ 1.28	1.97
-do- Accum	£11.15	£11.87	+ 3.00	1.97
Contl Euro Gth	93.05	97.95	- 0.12	
-do- Accum	100.60	106.20		..
Extra Inc #	321.10	341.70†	+ 0.73	3.70
Extra Inc Acc #	910.60	968.80	+ 1.82	3.70
FTSE 100 Inc	144.80	154.10	+ 0.40	2.15
FTSE 100 Acc	151.20	160.90	+ 0.30	2.15
German Gth	162.40	171.00	+ 2.50	
-do- Accum	170.20	179.30	+ 2.60	.
Growth Port	720.50	777.20	- 7.80	0.10
-do- Accum	761.30	809.90	- 8.10	0.10
High Interest Inc	104.90	108.70	- 0.40	7.34
High Interest Acc	114.50	118.70	0.50	7.34
Hi Reserve Inc #	114.50	121.90†	- 0.10	5.97
Hi Reserve Acc #	129.30	137.60	- 0.10	5.97
Income Inc #	634.70	675.20†	+ 2.30	3.16
Income Acc #	£18.41	£19.59	+ 6.00	3.16
Income Port	624.30	664.20†	+ 0.30	4.10
-do- Accum	719.50	765.50	+ 0.30	4.10
Japan Growth	92.05	97.93	0.98	
-do- Accum	92.37	98.27	- 0.99	
Master Trust	74.19	78.93	+ 0.14	1.29
-do- Accum	85.67	91.14	+ 0.16	1.29
Millennium Acc	108.80	115.80		2.05
N American Gen	277.50	295.30	+ 4.20	..
-do- Accum	321.30	341.80	+ 4.80	
NAm Sm Co Inc	189.10	201.20	+ 3.40	.
-do- Accum	193.00	205.40	+ 3.40	
Pacific Basin	251.10	267.20	+ 7.30	0.34
-do- Accum	267.80	284.90	+ 7.70	0.34
Safety First Acc	104.00	109.50	+ 0.20	1.81
Do end 12/1/98 ‡	99.27			
Small Cos Rec	554.30	583.50†	- 0.40	1.66
-do- Accum	771.70	812.40	- 0.50	1.66
UK Eq Gth	187.60	199.60	- 1.70	2.23
UK Eq Inc #	147.80	157.30	+ 0.50	3.79
UK Growth	120.80	128.30	+ 0.30	1.58
-do- Accum	152.50	162.20	+ 0.40	1.58
Worldwide Gth	384.40	409.00	+ 2.40	0.29
-do- Accum	568.70	605.00	+ 3.40	0.29
LONDON & MANCHESTER TST MGMT 01392 282 673				
American	101.78	108.69	+ 0.84	0.60
General	121.28	130.12†	+ 0.25	2.60
Income	82.40	88.41	+ 0.12	4.70
International	79.91	85.74	+ 0.52	0.50
Japan	51.70	55.45	- 0.35	..
Tst of Inv Tsts	82.69	88.72†	+ 0.15	0.90
M & G SECURITIES Cust Srvcs/Unit Dlg: 01245 390 390				
Amer & General	582.10	612.50	+ 6.40	0.25
-do- Accum	726.90	767.50	+ 8.00	0.25
Amer Recovery	668.10	706.50†	+ 7.50	0.04
-do- Accum	772.70	817.00†	+ 8.60	0.04
Amer Smllr Cos	161.60	170.90	+ 3.10	
-do- Accum	165.10	174.60	+ 3.20	
Australasian	232.40	245.80	+ 8.00	1.81
-do- Accum	294.70	311.70	+ 7.60	1.81
Capital	1050.60	1111.00	+ 8.90	2.74
-do- Accum	1267.50	1340.30	+ 1.00	2.74
Charifund	874.70	883.50†	+ 1.30	5.42
-do- Accum	4682.10	4729.00†	+ 6.60	5.42
Commodity	502.80	531.20	+ 2.20	0.45
-do- Accum	742.70	785.60	+ 3.30	0.45
Compound Grth	1206.50	1275.90†	+ 2.20	2.69
-do- Accum	1349.20	1426.90†	+ 2.50	2.69
Corporate Bond	27.03	27.12	- 0.25	6.80
Dividend	48.50	51.30†	+ 0.10	4.58
-do- Accum	223.50	236.50†	+ 0.50	4.58
Equity Income	353.80	374.10	- 0.50	5.42
-do- Accum	501.30	530.10	- 0.70	5.42
Euro & General	736.10	778.40	- 0.70	0.59
-do- Accum	945.40	999.70	- 0.90	0.59
Euro Dividend	92.50	97.80	+ 0.10	3.38
-do- Accum	118.70	125.50	+ 0.20	3.38
Euro Smlr Cos	58.60	62.00†	+ 0.30	0.50
-do- Accum	58.80	62.20†	+ 0.30	0.50
Extra Yield	519.90	549.80	+ 1.40	4.87
-do- Accum	1784.70	1887.40	+ 4.80	4.87
Fund of Inv Tsts	769.70	814.00†	+ 1.30	1.27
-do- Accum	1501.60	1588.00†	+ 2.40	1.27
General	77.90	82.40	+ 0.10	3.54
-do- Accum	233.90	247.40	+ 0.30	3.54
Gilt Income	64.09	64.20†	- 0.62	6.20
-do- Accum	202.55	202.91†	- 1.95	6.20
Gold	65.80	69.60	+ 0.30	0.96
-do- Accum	78.90	83.50	+ 0.30	0.96
High Income	37.00	39.10	+ 0.10	4.46
-do- Accum	161.00	170.40	+ 0.40	4.46
Intl Growth	98.20	103.80	+ 0.10	0.70
-do- Accum	173.90	184.00	+ 0.30	0.70
International Inc	120.90	127.80†	+ 0.60	4.14
-do- Accum	195.60	207.80†	+ 1.00	4.14
Japan & Gen	34.30	36.10†	- 0.60	
-do- Accum	36.70	38.80†	- 0.60	
Japan Smlr Cos	121.70	128.70†	- 1.40	
-do- Accum	122.50	129.60†	- 1.40	
Managed Gwth	28.90	30.50	+ 0.10	1.50
Managed Income	32.50	34.10		4.14
Midland	62.20	65.80†	- 0.10	3.17
-do- Accum	221.20	234.20†	- 0.40	3.17
Pension Ex	1184.80	1214.50†	+ 0.50	3.87
Recovery	50.60	53.50	+ 0.10	2.77
-do- Accum	87.70	92.80	+ 0.10	2.77
Second General	79.70	84.30		3.78
-do- Accum	220.50	233.30		3.78
Smaller Cos	67.30	71.20		3.12
-do- Accum	141.40	149.70		3.12
Sth East Asia	404.40	427.60	+ 4.40	1.19
-do- Accum	542.60	573.70	+ 5.90	1.19
Treasury	25.08	25.13†	+ 0.01	5.92
Trustee	47.40	50.10†	+ 0.10	4.90
-do- Accum	210.30	222.40†	+ 0.40	4.90
MGM UNIT MANAGERS LTD Dealing: 01277 261 010 Enq: 01903 204 631				
European Growth	119.30	126.91†	+ 0.13	0.37
Intl Bond	62.02	65.15†	+ 0.25	4.77
Intl Equity Growth	93.34	99.16†	- 0.03	0.45
N Amer Growth	154.11	163.67	+ 1.32	0.73
Special Sits Growth	31.72	33.74	+ 0.06	1.97
UK Growth	522.16	555.48†	+ 1.09	2.44
-do- Accum	728.39	774.88	+ 1.53	2.44
MW JOINT INVESTORS LTD 01620 825867				
Balanced Fd #	1529.90	1553.10†		2.70
Income #	1115.70	1132.20		4.40
MALDON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 0131 222 4242				
Maldon General	185.80	189.90		4.03
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST LTD 0800 363432				
High Inc #	98.63	101.70†	- 0.30	6.46
M & S Inv Ptflo	196.10	202.20	+ 0.30	2.36
-do- Accum	235.10	242.30	+ 0.30	2.36
UK Sel Ptflo	178.60	184.10	+ 0.30	2.32
-do- Accum	217.50	224.20	+ 0.30	2.32
UK 100 Cos	138.00	138.00	+ 0.20	2.40
-do- Accum	141.50	141.50	+ 0.30	2.40
MARLBOROUGH FUND MGRS LTD 01204 364 842				
Managed Tst	72.73	77.37		3.30
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD 0131 479 4646				
Intl Income	94.70	100.00	+ 0.33	2.94
European	117.90	125.20	+ 1.10	0.30
Income #	94.32	100.10†	+ 0.10	3.11
Nth American	109.50	116.20	+ 0.10	0.02
Far East	190.40	202.10	+ 1.10	0.18
Japan	61.02	64.78	- 0.88	.
Emerging Mkts	98.54	105.40	+ 1.50	
Intl Growth	147.10	156.20†	+ 1.00	0.32
UK Growth	135.50	143.80	+ 0.20	2.22
UK Smlr Co	66.38	70.47†	- 0.11	1.46
Asia Pacific	40.70	43.53	+ 0.57	0.35
Glob Gwth PEP	72.10	76.53	+ 0.46	0.31
MATHESON UNIT TRUSTS LTD 0161 831 7433				
Select Portfolio	108.80	115.80†	+ 0.50	
MAYFLOWER MANAGEMENT CO LTD 0171 407 5966				
Income	529.72	563.53	+ 1.38	3.12
Global Inc	81.87	87.10	- 0.27	3.44
Bal Leaders	428.68	456.04	+ 1.76	1.59
Intl Leaders	256.01	272.35	+ 1.23	0.64
P&M Mg Bal Grth	75.10	78.91	+ 0.05	0.34
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD Dealing: 0800 445522				
American	313.20	330.30	+ 4.000	
-do- Accum	334.90	353.20	+ 4.200	
American Opps	121.80	128.60	+ 2.700	
-do- Accum	123.10	131.30	+ 2.800	
British Blue Chip	111.30	118.10†	+ 0.400	2.56
-do- Accum	145.10	154.00†	+ 0.500	2.55
Cash	100.50	100.50		5.72
-do- Accum *	152.40	152.40		5.72
Emerging Mkts	149.30	160.50	+ 2.300	0.64
-do- Accum	151.10	162.50	+ 2.700	0.64
European Growth	383.10	405.10	+ 4.000	0.47
-do- Accum	417.70	441.80	+ 4.500	0.47
European Income	101.00	106.80	+ 0.900	3.84
-do- Accum	146.80	155.20	+ 1.400	3.84
General	670.20	713.10	+ 2.300	2.21
-do- Accum	1389.00	1478.00	+ 5.000	2.21
Global Bond	127.70	134.10	+ 0.400	4.89
-do- Accum	173.50	182.20	+ 0.500	4.89
Gold & General	189.60	203.10	+ 1.300	0.36
-do- Accum	196.30	210.20	+ 1.300	0.36
Govt Securities	98.05	101.10	- 0.50	5.18
-do- Accum	210.70	217.20	- 1.09	5.18
High Yield Bd	105.60	108.10	- 0.40	6.50
-do- Accum	115.30	118.00	- 0.50	6.50
Income	212.70	225.90†	+ 0.700	3.98
-do- Accum	363.00	385.60†	+ 1.200	3.98
Inc Portfolio #	121.20	128.30†	+ 0.400	4.99
-do- Accum #	135.50	143.40†	+ 0.300	4.99
Intl Opps	602.80	643.00	+ 4.200	0.75
-do- Accum	816.60	871.00	+ 5.600	0.75
Japan	164.60	175.50	- 1.40	
-do- Accum	169.00	180.20	- 1.43	
New Europe	268.10	285.00	+ 1.600	0.98
-do- Accum	281.50	300.30	+ 1.800	0.98
Pacific	112.70	120.20	+ 3.600	0.45
-do- Accum	121.40	129.50	+ 4.000	0.45
Recovery	507.90	541.80†	+ 1.600	1.80
-do- Accum	676.20	721.30†	+ 2.000	1.80
UK Smaller Cos	65.27	69.62	- 0.16	1.46
-do- Accum	75.52	80.55	- 0.19	1.46
Portfolio	102.40	109.50†	+ 0.200	2.22
-do- Accum	128.00	135.70†	+ 0.300	2.38
Managed Gth	133.20	139.40	+ 0.700	1.81
Managed Inc	130.20	135.10	+ 0.400	3.95
METROPOLITAN UT MGRS LTD 01707 662 233				
Eurogrowth Plus	181.20	192.77†	+ 1.81	0.12
Portfolio	88.36	94.64	+ 0.14	1.27
UK Income Inc	103.93	110.62	+ 0.38	4.27
MIDLAND UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD Enq: 0345 456 123 Dlg: 0345 456 126				
Balanced	76.13	79.72	+ 0.09	2.44
-do- Accum	85.26	89.30	+ 0.10	2.44
British Tst	123.10	128.90	+ 0.30	2.12
-do- Accum	150.50	157.60	+ 0.38	2.12
Corp Bond Inc	101.90	105.60†	- 0.40	6.42
-do- Accum	108.60	112.50†	- 0.40	6.42
Extra High Inc	76.80	80.42	+ 0.05	6.44
-do- Accum #	170.00	178.00	+ 0.20	6.44
FTSE 100 Acc	83.23	87.15	+ 0.30	2.13
FTSE 100 Dist	77.56	81.21	+ 0.28	2.13
Gilt & Fxd Int	57.57	59.91	- 0.43	6.44
-do- Accum	188.20	195.90	- 1.40	6.44
High Yield	259.00	272.30†	+ 0.70	5.47
-do- Accum #	744.80	779.90†	+ 1.90	5.47
Household Names	106.90	107.40	+ 0.40	2.14
Income	364.20	381.40	+ 1.50	3.89
-do- Accum #	868.80	909.70	+ 3.40	3.89
Money Market UT	49.39	49.39†	...	5.33
-do- Accum	85.42	85.42†		5.33
Monthly Income	104.80	109.70†	+ 0.10	4.01
Midland Personal Pension Unit Trust				
British	157.90	166.00	+ 0.50	1.17
European Growth	157.10	166.50	- 1.20	0.01
Gilt & Fixed	106.90	112.30	- 0.80	4.94
Income	119.40	127.00	+ 0.50	2.01
Japan Growth	45.10	47.80	- 0.91	
Managed	93.10	99.04	+ 0.09	1.77
Money Market	98.42	104.30		3.85
North American	125.00	132.50	+ 1.00	0.34
Midland FSAVCS Unit Trust				
British	143.20	152.30	+ 0.40	1.16
European Growth	147.40	156.30	- 1.10	0.01
Gilt & Fixed Int	98.28	105.30	- 0.70	4.99
Income	116.90	124.40	+ 0.40	2.06
Japan Growth	44.92	47.62	- 0.90	
Managed	89.45	95.16	+ 0.11	1.75
Money Market	90.66	96.10		3.82
North American	112.30	119.00	+ 0.90	0.41
Midland Executive Pension Unit Trust				
British	141.90	151.00	+ 0.40	1.16
European Growth	144.20	152.80	- 1.10	..
Gilt & Fixed Int	88.40	94.81	- 0.65	5.21
Income	113.60	120.90	+ 0.50	2.11
Japan Growth	46.25	49.03	- 0.92	
Managed	92.17	98.05	+ 0.12	1.77
Money Market	82.28	87.21	...	3.89
North American	126.00	133.50	+ 1.80	0.31
MORGAN GRENFELL INVEST FDS LTD Dealers: 0171 588 7474 Enquiries: 0171 588 7171				
American Grwth	511.20	542.00	+ 5.00	.
European Gth Inc	643.30	685.50	+ 0.10	
-do- Accum	650.30	693.80	+ 0.10	
Intl Grwth	256.00	271.20†	+ 0.30	..
UK Equity Inc	247.80	263.40†	+ 0.70	3.91
Do Accum	343.00	364.80†	+ 1.00	3.91
UK Growth Inc	143.00	153.10	+ 0.20	3.11
-do- Accum	147.50	157.90	+ 0.30	3.11
UK Ind Trckr Inc	222.10	236.90	+ 0.60	2.84
-do- Accum	277.50	296.00	+ 0.80	2.84
US Eq Ind Trk Inc	326.40	344.80	+ 1.40	0.87
Japan Tracker	62.80	66.25†	- 0.44	..
Asian Tracker	226.90	244.40†	+ 2.90	0.28
Mngd Ptflo Inc	207.30	220.90	+ 0.30	1.61
Mngd Ptflo Acc	227.50	242.40	+ 0.30	1.61
Deposit Inc	100.13	100.13†	+ 0.02	6.03
Europa	280.30	300.00	+ 2.40	.
Genesis	223.70	242.00†		2.34
High Income	21.27	22.54†	+ 0.01	10.00
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UT MGMT 0345 090 933				
Acumen	118.70	121.30†	+ 0.10	1.85
Acumen Inc	106.80	109.10†		1.85
Acumen Reserve	101.60	102.60†	- 0.40	6.62
-do- Inc	76.22	76.98†	- 0.29	6.62
Americas Growth	76.55	78.64	+ 1.25	
Equity Income #	118.60	121.80	+ 0.10	3.74
European	98.25	100.10	+ 0.68	0.12
Smaller Cos	102.40	107.10	+ 0.10	0.95
Wwide Eqty	84.99	86.75†	+ 0.12	..
Global Bond	41.48	41.93†	+ 0.12	4.74
UK Growth	128.90	132.50†	- 0.20	1.14
Pacific Growth	117.30	120.40	+ 0.30	0.53
Japan Growth	89.41	90.93	- 0.73	.
NFU MUTUAL UNIT MGRS LTD Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
Avon Equity	169.57	180.30	+ 0.14	2.28
For N&P see Abbey National				
NPI INVESTMENT MGRS 0171 623 4200				
Americas Dist	139.20	146.50	+ 1.60	0.23
European Dist	176.20	185.58†	+ 1.10	0.28
Far East Dist	181.20	190.70		
Global Care Dist	95.10	100.11	+ 0.19	0.48
Ocean Dist	1205.00	1268.40	+ 4.50	..
-do- Accum	1586.10	1649.50	+ 5.80	
UK Dist	487.10	512.70†	+ 1.30	1.64
-do- Accum	1009.40	1062.50	+ 2.80	1.64
UK Extra Inc Dist	102.50	107.90	- 0.10	3
Wwide Dist	127.70	134.40†	+ 0.50	0.09
Wwide Inc Dist	95.11	100.12†	+ 0.49	1.45
NATWEST UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD Dlg: 01277 690 280 Admin Enq: 01277 690 398				
Europe Inc	93.26	98.43	+ 0.44	0.30
Fund of Funds Inc	76.69	80.94	+ 0.16	1.27
North America Inc	74.45	78.57†	+ 0.72	.
UK Equity Grth Inc	76.94	81.20†	+ 0.20	1.90
-do- Accum	84.41	89.09	+ 0.22	1.90
UK General Inc	74.13	78.24†	+ 0.28	2.36
-do- Accum	83.08	87.88	+ 0.38	2.36
UK Gilt/Fix Int Inc	48.94	51.55†	- 0.24	5.41
UK Income Inc	73.68	77.74†	+ 0.28	3.92
UK Smlr Cos Inc	125.10	132.00†	- 0.20	0.98
NEWTON FUND MGRS LTD Enquiries: 0800 614 330 Dealing: 0500 440 000				
American	56.40	60.08	+ 0.53	..
-do- Accum	56.84	60.48	+ 0.52	
Bond	128.84	136.73	- 0.04	5.56
Cash Income	50.14	50.14†	+ 0.01	5.28
-do- Accum	70.98	70.98†	+ 0.01	5.28
Distributor	117.36	134.74	- 1.35	2.88
European	66.81	70.22	+ 0.29	.
Foundation	123.74	131.63	+ 2.11	2.34
General Inc	256.47	272.84	+ 4.13	1.21
General Acc	260.17	276.77	+ 4.18	1.21
Growth Inc	158.13	168.22†	- 2.16	1.90
Growth Acc	164.82	174.84†	- 2.23	1.90
Higher Income Inc	37.12	39.48	+ 0.24	4.55
-do- Accum	46.02	48.95	+ 0.30	4.55
Income	303.30	322.65†	+ 0.87	3.06
Integral	166.08	172.99†		1.29
Intl Grwth	42.93	45.68†	+ 0.30	.
Japan	27.18	28.92	- 0.05	.
Oriental Inc	148.75	158.24	+ 1.72	0.47
-do- Accum	154.07	163.90	+ 1.79	0.47
NORTHERN ROCK UNIT TRUST LTD 0191 285 2555				
High Income #	52.75	55.82†	. .	5.70
UK Growth	126.39	133.70	.	2.45
NORWICH UNION TST MANAGERS 01603 682 234				
Master Trust	155.21	163.38	+ 0.16	1.10
UK Equity	191.53	201.61	+ 0.33	2.51
UK Equity Income	170.10	179.05†	+ 0.47	3.05
UK Smaller Cos	152.82	160.86	- 0.12	1.33
UK Equity Growth	166.74	175.52	- 0.25	1.02
UK Index Trckg	193.86	204.80	+ 0.39	2.54
Intl Index Trckg	187.80	198.21	+ 0.71	0.73
International	299.43	315.19†	+ 0.50	0.56
European	292.84	308.25	+ 0.52	0.04
Pan European	191.75	201.84†	+ 0.92	1.29
Nth American	268.77	282.92†	+ 1.44	0.39
N Amer Smlr Cos	278.18	292.82	+ 2.20	.
Japanese	87.25	91.84	- 1.08	
Pacific	234.14	246.46	+ 0.69	0.43
South East Asian	273.63	288.03†	+ 1.94	0.54
Sterling Bond	103.74	109.20	- 0.86	6.71
Intl Bond	126.49	133.15	+ 0.87	3.35
Gilt & Convertible	113.66	119.64	- 1.04	5.80
Property	88.44	93.10	+ 0.13	5.57
OLD MUTUAL FUND MGRS LTD 01256 768 888				
European Inc	396.30	425.90†	+ 2.40	0.04
-do- Accum	421.20	452.50†	+ 2.40	0.04
Japan Inc	96.05	101.90	- 1.00	
Nth American Inc	178.90	189.40	+ 0.40	0.65
Worldwide Inc	200.50	214.10	+ 0.70	0.24
Hong Kong Inc	210.80	225.00	+ 2.40	0.70
Swiss Equities Inc	103.80	110.80†	+ 0.70	
Wwide Bond Inc	67.47	71.31	+ 0.06	4.93
Emging Asia Inc	186.60	201.10	+ 2.30	0.17
-do- Accum	187.30	201.90	+ 2.30	0.17
UK Money Mkt Inc	50.13	50.13†	+ 0.01	5.30
Thailand Inc	75.65	82.22	- 1.49	2.89
New Zealand Inc	100.80	108.20	+ 1.00	2.35
Int Mngd PEP Inc	80.39	86.08	+ 0.36	0.63
Latin Am Cmp Inc	81.18	86.83	+ 1.46	0.56
UK All Sh Mar Inc	80.13	81.47	+ 0.26	2.16
Broker Unit Trusts				
Way Global Btse	88.01	94.50	+ 0.14	
Global Portfolio	77.92	83.34	- 0.10	
Way Global Red	68.73	73.46†	+ 0.11	..
Marsh Global Grth	69.22	73.40†	+ 0.10	
AMR Brit Grwth Inc	120.20	128.60†	+ 0.10	0.84
Temple Equity Inc	52.61	57.17	+ 0.34	2.01
Hadley Growth	133.60	142.10		0.30
Intl Growth Inc	86.95	92.29	+ 0.38	0.01
IPS Portfolio Inc	100.90	107.90	+ 1.40	
Roxburgh Strat Gth	80.89	86.51	+ 0.33	0.16
UFC Growth	68.80	73.58	+ 0.08	.
Chartfield Port of Fds	58.72	62.30	+ 0.18	.
PM UT MGRS LTD 0171 568 3963				
Equity Gth	256.40	272.80	+ 0.10	1.41
European Gth	154.20	163.40	+ 1.40	0.25
Income & Gth #	174.30	185.40		2.86
Japan Gth	97.74	104.80	- 1.00	
Nth Amer Gth	249.70	265.10	+ 2.50	0.10
Overseas Gth	135.70	144.30	+ 0.80	
PEARL UNIT TRUSTS LTD Dlg: 0800 626 577 Enq: 01733 470 470				
Equity	319.10	339.40	+ 1.80	1.74
-do- Accum	706.00	751.80	+ 2.10	1.74
Growth	203.30	213.90†	+ 0.80	2.12
Income	299.90	318.90†	+ 0.98	3.52
Intl Equity	306.70	326.20	+ 2.30	0.13
-do- Accum	343.50	365.30	+ 2.50	0.13
Equity Income #	82.70	87.96	+ 0.13	4.86
Equity Growth	107.10	113.90	+ 0.40	1.30
New Europe	119.90	127.50	+ 2.00	..
PERPETUAL UNIT TST MGMT 01491 417 000				
Intl Growth Inc	776.04	829.09	+ 2.12	0.45
-do- Accum	780.86	834.24	+ 2.13	0.45
Income	521.59	557.84†	+ 1.69	2.67
Wwide Recovery	503.03	538.00	+ 1.22	0.40
Amer Growth Inc	320.06	340.57	+ 1.80	0.01
-do- Accum	320.08	340.57	+ 1.60	0.01
Intl Emerging Cos	298.19	318.93	+ 1.19	0.60
Far Estn Gth Inc	313.98	335.79	+ 1.39	0.72
-do- Accum	317.89	339.99	+ 1.41	0.72
Euro Grth Inc	220.82	235.65	+ 0.86	0.47
-do- Accum	221.58	236.47	+ 0.86	0.47
UK Growth Inc	133.97	143.29	+ 0.28	2.33
-do- Accum	147.25	157.49	+ 0.30	2.33
High Income	135.96	145.32	+ 0.32	3.10
Jap Grth Inc	176.71	189.00	- 1.05	0.01
-do- Accum	176.71	189.00	- 1.05	0.01
PEP Bond	59.63	62.90	- 0.12	7.01
PEP Growth	164.14	175.52	+ 0.25	0.51
Asian Str Mkts Inc	137.36	146.31	+ 1.54	0.28
-do- Accum	137.80	147.38	+ 1.54	0.28
Amer Smlr Co Inc	202.71	216.72	+ 2.15	0.01
-do- Accum	202.71	216.72	+ 2.15	0.01
Global Bond	54.60	57.57	+ 0.18	4.79
UK Smaller Cos Inc	115.85	123.91	+ 0.04	1.61
-do- Accum	123.42	132.00	+ 0.04	1.61
Lat Am Grth Inc	40.69	43.52†	+ 0.64	0.63
-do- Accum	41.39	44.27	+ 0.64	0.63
World Inc PEP #	48.67	51.51	+ 0.13	4.00
PILGRIM UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 0191 201 3927				
American	143.83	153.01†	+ 0.59	.
European	110.79	117.86	+ 1.01	
Global	73.81	78.52	- 0.07	.
Pacific	58.07	61.95†	- 0.38	
UK Inc & Gth	89.60	95.32	- 0.13	1.42
PORTFOLIO FUND MGMT LTD Enq: 0171 638 0808 Dlg: 01277 690 430				
Asia Acc	53.03	56.26†	- 0.74	0.10
Emerg Mkts	50.24	53.31	+ 0.52	0.98
Euro Fund Acc	48.41	51.36	+ 0.51	0.13
Fund of Funds Inc	274.50	275.79	+ 0.60	0.53
Fund of Funds Acc	276.48	277.95	+ 0.61	0.53
High Income #	58.05	61.10†	+ 0.22	5.32
Performance	52.96	56.19†	+ 0.23	
PRINCIPAL UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 01732 740 700				
Principal Tst	187.46	194.87	- 0.28	2.17
PROLIFIC UNIT TST MGRS LTD Enquiries: 0171 280 3700 Dealing: 0800 282 443				
American Income	138.00	146.00	+ 1.50	2.85
Conv & Gilt	124.40	132.30†		4.75
Euro Spc Sit Acc	110.40	117.40	+ 0.50	0.05
Extra Income	198.00	210.70	+ 0.78	4.32
-do- Accum	263.00	279.80	+ 0.99	4.32
Far East	403.80	429.60	+ 2.40	0.57
-do- Accum	412.30	438.60	+ 2.48	0.57
Global Income	30.85	32.75	+ 0.13	3.90
High Income	150.80	160.50†	+ 0.60	4.22
-do- Accum	197.30	209.90	+ 0.78	4.22
International	236.20	251.30	+ 1.60	0.47
-do- Accum	246.10	261.80	+ 1.70	0.47
Pref & Fxd Int	48.18	51.26†	- 0.10	6.61
Recovery	97.70	104.00†	+ 0.30	2.16
Special Sits	160.20	170.50	+ 0.10	1.50
-do- Accum	178.80	190.29	+ 0.10	1.50
Technology	714.50	760.10	+ 8.70	..
UK Blue Chip	102.80	109.40	+ 0.60	2.70
-do- Accum	121.10	128.80	+ 0.60	2.70
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD UT Dealing: 0345 406000 Client Enq: 0345 656500				
Managed Tst	49.65	51.45	+ 0.08	1.36
Cash Haven Inc	100.97	101.47†	+ 0.01	5.28
Cash Haven Acc	121.65	122.45	+ 0.01	5.26
Dist Trust Inc	113.19	117.30†	+ 0.08	5.34
Dist Trust Acc	131.33	136.09	+ 0.09	5.34
Global Growth	116.70	124.15	+ 0.37	1.00
Equity Inc	97.21	103.41†	+ 0.03	4.12
Equity	1100.5	1106.9†	+ 3.49	2.10
European	313.88	325.26†	- 0.37	0.56
High Income	100.51	106.93	- 0.03	4.75
Intl Gth	242.09	257.54	+ 0.98	0.76
Intl Sm Co	102.85	109.41	+ 0.34	0.44
Japanese	188.29	195.11	- 1.13	
Mngd Income Tst #	50.16	51.84	- 0.12	7.77
Nth Amer	275.27	285.14†	+ 2.54	0.97
Pacific Mkts	115.09	119.26	+ 0.56	0.59
Premier Inc	49.11	51.71†	- 0.13	6.45
Sm Cos	113.64	120.89†	+ 0.18	1.89
Spec Sits	143.03	152.16	+ 0.52	2.25
UK Growth	169.93	180.78	+ 0.55	2.12
QUILTER FUND MANAGEMENT LTD 0171 407 5966				
Hi Inc Inv Inc	92.11	96.86	+ 0.06	3.33
Investment Trust	127.44	134.01		0.56
UK Smaller Cos	116.80	122.82	- 0.24	1.36
RELIANCE UNIT MGRS LTD 01892 510 033				
British Life	385.30	408.70	+ 0.60	2.47
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT Dealers: 0171 623 1000				
Five Arrows Funds				
America (Inc)	782.12	828.22	+ 8.51	..
America (Acc)	916.41	970.43	+ 9.98	.
Amer Smllr Cos	67.28	71.52	+ 1.24	
Asia	53.84	57.92	+ 0.42	..
European	474.53	503.55	+ 5.02	0.02
Japan	205.77	218.89	- 0.34	
Jap Smllr Cos	32.32	34.58	- 0.30	
Major UK Cos	136.72	145.73	+ 0.44	1.58
Smllr UK Cos	450.02	489.06	- 1.13	0.81
UK Equity Inc #	204.53	219.03†	+ 0.45	3.83
Five Arrows Portfolio Fund				
Asia Pacific	51.92	54.22	+ 0.15	
Cash	48.47	50.48		2.92
Emerging Mkts	53.71	58.09	+ 0.10	..
Europe	71.55	74.72	+ 0.85	
Global Fixed Int #	48.73	51.93	- 0.05	5.08
Japan	37.81	39.65	- 0.64	
North America	73.89	77.16	+ 0.63	
UK	73.90	77.17	+ 0.16	0.44
UK Equity Inc #	69.38	72.45	+ 0.12	3.31
UK Fixed Int #	53.13	55.48	- 0.06	6.95
Portfolio Service PEP				
Pep Gth Port	55.97	57.98	+ 0.12	
Pep Inc Port #	55.97	58.00	+ 0.04	2.76
RAM Personal Pension				
Deposit	92.81	97.69	+ 0.01	
Gilt	109.61	115.37	- 0.69	.
Managed	131.47	138.38	+ 0.22	..
Portfolio	55.01	57.90	+ 0.07	..
ROYAL LIFE FD MGMT LTD Prices: 01733 282 828 Gen Enq: 01733 390 000				
United States	140.40	149.00	- 0.60	0.28
Pacific Basin	78.42	84.09	+ 0.08	0.30
High Inc Dist	184.20	196.50	+ 1.70	3.60
Ryl Life Int Cmry	67.34	71.15	- 0.12	3.99
Ryl Life Intl Gwth	86.39	91.97	+ 0.10	0.08
Ryl Life Intl Spec	77.53	82.47†	+ 0.36	
UK Emerging Cos	145.20	150.90†	- 0.30	1.32
UK Index Trckg	226.40	240.50†	+ 1.40	3.31
European	201.10	215.40	+ 3.10	0.15
Managed	200.80	216.70	+ 1.80	0.90
ROYAL LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD 01206 764 400				
American Growth	222.10	236.90	- 1.00	1.04
European Growth	166.30	178.60	+ 2.50	1.59
Far East Growth	152.00	161.80	+ 0.30	0.77
Japan Growth	114.30	121.40†	- 3.00	.
Special Sits	271.80	289.10	- 2.80	1.70
UK Growth	119.00	126.50	+ 0.30	2.42
Intl Growth	312.70	332.70†	+ 0.10	1.54
ST JAMES'S PLACE UT GROUP LTD 0141 307 6500				
Far East Inc	173.20	183.30	+ 0.90	0.38
Gtr Euro Prog Inc	487.70	518.10	+ 0.50	1.18
-do- Accum	765.40	809.90	+ 0.90	1.18
Growth Inc	168.30	178.10	+ 0.10	0.75
-do- Accum	173.00	183.10	+ 0.10	0.75
International Inc	445.40	471.30	+ 0.40	0.74
-do- Accum	616.30	652.20	+ 0.70	0.74
Nth Am & Intl Inc	429.10	454.10	+ 4.00	0.71
UK Gen Prog Inc	281.60	298.00	+ 1.10	2.01
-do- Accum	326.20	345.20	+ 1.10	2.01
UK High Inc Inc	169.20	179.00	+ 0.70	4.01
SANWA INTL INVEST SERVICES LTD 0171 330 0572				
Asian Grwth	134.13	142.69	+ 2.06	0.75
European Grwth	111.59	118.71	+ 1.01	1.80
Global Bd	60.66	64.10	+ 0.11	5.00
Japan	49.55	52.70	- 0.23	
UK Grwth	95.95	103.13	+ 0.18	1.75
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP Clients: 0800 829 109 Brokerline: 0800 727 770				
Amer Smllr Cos	151.40	161.10	+ 2.40	.
Cash	139.30	139.30	...	5.70
China Dragon	80.93	86.10†	+ 0.27	0.89
Commodity	146.10	155.40	+ 1.00	.
Emerging Mkts	42.71	45.44	+ 0.36	0.40
European Grth	281.10	299.00	+ 3.00	0.56
Euro Smllr Cos	80.04	85.15	+ 0.31	0.04
Extra Income #	62.68	64.95†		5.43
Far Eastern	100.50	106.98†		
FE Sm Cos	44.41	47.24	- 0.03	..
Financial Secs	379.30	403.50	+ 2.20	1.36
Gold & Exploration	84.85	90.27	+ 0.32	.
Growth	502.90	505.40	+ 2.20	1.86
High Income	50.83	50.83†	- 0.15	8.74
Intl Bond	158.80	165.40	+ 0.10	5.29
ITU	258.70	275.30†	+ 0.70	0.93
Japan Growth	149.60	158.79	- 2.00	.
Japan Smaller	148.80	158.30†	- 1.80	.
Korea	38.17	40.61	- 0.62	.
Latin America	49.61	52.78	+ 0.81	0.37
Masterfund	70.31	70.66	+ 1.01	0.82
Premier Eq Grth	191.10	203.30	+ 0.60	1.04
Premier Eq Inc #	408.90	435.00†	+ 0.79	4.41
SE Asia	48.08	51.15†	+ 0.42	...
Southern Africa	57.74	61.43	+ 0.34	1.33
UK & O'seas	225.20	239.60	+ 1.10	0.79
UK Eqty Gth	94.28	100.30†	+ 0.32	1.89
UK Eqty Inc #	296.70	315.60	+ 0.80	4.65
UK Gth & Inc #	343.90	365.90	- 1.20	3.12
UK Sm Cos	63.20	67.23	- 1.30	1.03
US Growth	243.80	259.10	- 1.30	..
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD Clnt: 0800 526 535 Brkr: 0800 526 540				
Retail Funds				
American	397.80	420.62†	+ 0.55	0.62
-do- Accum	441.53	466.87†	+ 0.61	0.62
European Grwth	106.68	113.07†	+ 0.66	0.48
Euro Smllr Cos	126.28	134.23	+ 0.89	0.16
Far Eastern Gth	107.87	115.06	+ 0.22	
-do- Accum	109.96	117.28	+ 0.22	
Gilt & Fixed Int #	53.98	56.89	- 0.48	6.98
Global Bond #	47.46	49.92	+ 0.03	6.17
-do- Accum #	57.95	59.86	+ 0.04	6.17
Global Emgr Mkts	58.79	62.70†	+ 0.60	
-do- Accum	58.84	62.76†	+ 0.60	
Income #	475.75	507.46	+ 1.75	4.48
-do- Accum #	£16.42	£17.51	+ 6.04	4.48
Japan Smllr Cos	329.50	350.40	- 4.53	
-do- Accum	329.16	351.10	- 4.54	..
Japan Enterprise	61.82	65.94†	- 0.18	
Pacific Grth	161.63	172.40	+ 1.81	0.53
-do- Accum	168.02	179.22	+ 1.67	0.53
Portfolio	105.67	112.64	+ 0.15	1.57
-do- Accum	118.47	126.28	+ 0.16	1.57
Seoul	32.75	34.93†	- 0.38	
-do- Accum	32.75	34.93†	- 0.38	.
Smaller Cos	362.21	386.35	- 0.02	1.11
-do- Accum	431.54	460.30	- 0.02	1.11
Strategic Inc	110.30	117.64	+ 0.38	2.43
Strategic Acc	112.16	119.62	+ 0.36	2.43
Tokyo	124.35	132.64	- 1.51	..
-do- Accum	125.61	133.98	- 1.53	
UK Enterprise	369.71	394.35	+ 0.89	2.14
-do- Accum	463.23	494.10	+ 1.11	2.14
UK Equity	345.24	368.25	+ 1.22	2.31
-do- Accum	704.07	751.01	+ 2.49	2.31
US Smllr Cos	258.62	275.84†	+ 3.46	.
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Institutional Funds				
European	344.29	357.14	+ 3.53	1.07
-do- Accum	390.73	405.32	+ 4.00	1.07
Euro Smlly Cos	40.90	42.54†	+ 0.41	0.93
-do- Accum	44.39	46.17†	+ 0.44	0.93
Global Equity Inc	102.45	106.66†	+ 0.69	0.92
Japan Smllr Cos	30.86	32.14	- 0.18	0.11
-do- Accum	31.16	32.46	- 0.17	0.11
Mngd Balanced	243.41	253.55	+ 0.94	3.33
-do- Accum	291.05	303.17	+ 1.12	3.33
Overseas Equity	242.36	252.45	+ 1.76	0.87
-do- Accum	255.26	265.89	+ 1.85	0.87
O'seas Smllr Cos	143.21	149.17	+ 1.27	0.81
-do- Accum	152.07	158.40	+ 1.35	0.81
Pacific	287.36	299.33†	+ 2.46	1.42
-do- Accum	321.92	335.32†	+ 2.77	1.42
Recovery	625.33	625.39	+ 6.40	3.02
-do- Accum	628.19	629.37	+ 7.13	3.02
UK Index	211.27	220.07†	+ 0.31	3.10
-do- Accum	278.02	289.60†	+ 0.41	3.18
UK Small Cos	153.49	159.84	- 0.02	2.46
-do- Accum	171.83	178.99	- 0.03	2.46
US Smllr Cos	70.91	73.84†	+ 0.71	0.53
-do- Accum	72.95	75.97†	+ 0.73	0.53
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UT MGRS LTD 0141 204 2200				
Equity Income	68.42	72.35	+ 0.62	2.43
Equity Trust	87.95	93.01	+ 0.64	2.57
Equity Strategy	98.43	104.89	+ 0.52	1.18
European Opps	123.41	130.51	+ 1.26	0.05
UK Smaller Cos	87.23	92.25	- 0.51	1.03
Maximum Inc	98.56	102.15	+ 0.02	6.46
Japanese	67.80	71.78	- 0.32	
Asia Pacific	121.02	127.88	+ 0.84	0.54
American	158.25	167.35	+ 1.27	
SCOTTISH EQUITABLE FD MGRS LTD 0800 454 422				
Cash	34.23	34.29†		5.75
UK Eq Grwth Inc	70.55	75.19†	+ 0.22	3.00
-do- Accum	95.74	102.04†	+ 0.30	3.00
Intl Income	325.85	347.86†	+ 0.90	1.42
-do- Accum	580.56	617.88†	+ 1.60	1.42
European	121.78	129.15†	+ 0.56	1.35
Japan	57.40	60.82†	- 0.62	0.19
American	115.44	121.56†	+ 0.88	1.17
Far East Tact	87.33	93.15	+ 0.59	1.38
Ethical Inc	43.91	46.96†	- 0.09	1.56
UK Blue Chip Inc	45.63	48.72	+ 0.03	3.38
UK Equity Inc	46.53	49.63†	+ 0.13	4.17
UK Global Inc	53.69	57.24	+ 0.16	1.86
Wwide Tact	93.47	99.47†	+ 0.31	1.01
Europe Tactical	83.79	89.16	+ 0.44	0.90
Technology	168.54	179.18†	+ 2.38	0.71
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS 0131 225 2211				
UK Equity	559.90	595.60	+ 1.40	2.74
American	391.70	415.00	+ 1.70	0.21
Pacific	400.40	428.70	+ 1.90	0.20
European	776.50	830.50	+ 1.40	0.66
Worldwide	109.30	116.80	+ 0.70	0.32
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INV MGRS LTD 0141 248 6100				
UK Equity Inc	375.90	399.90	+ 1.00	2.06
-do- Accum	498.20	530.10	+ 1.30	2.06
UK Sx Co Eq Inc	302.50	322.30	+ 0.50	1.35
-do- Accum	374.50	398.50	+ 0.50	1.35
Select Opptys Inc	96.39	103.10		1.85
Income Plus Inc	45.50	48.60	+ 0.19	2.83
European Inc	516.40	549.00	+ 0.80	0.79
-do- Accum	595.20	632.80	+ 0.80	0.79
Far Eastern Inc	180.60	192.20	+ 1.90	1.00
-do- Accum	210.80	224.50	+ 2.10	1.00
Japanese Inc	55.66	58.22	- 0.47	
Nth American Inc	378.30	402.00	+ 3.10	0.32
-do- Accum	419.00	445.20	+ 3.40	0.32
Intl Growth Inc	249.30	265.30	+ 0.50	0.61
Wwide Venture Inc	105.00	111.80	+ 0.10	0.59
SCOTTISH WIDOWS' FUND MGMT 0131 655 3724				
Equity Inc	496.30	527.90	+ 2.30	2.29
-do- Accum	773.40	817.10	+ 3.70	2.29
UK High Inc	343.40	367.20	+ 1.00	2.37
-do- Accum	381.30	402.70	+ 1.60	2.37
Europe Inc	361.80	383.30	+ 6.80	0.49
Nth Amer Inc	354.30	374.40	- 0.70	
Global Inc	278.60	294.30	+ 1.00	0.38
Global Acc	301.40	318.40	+ 1.00	0.38
UK Spec Sits Inc	149.70	158.20	+ 0.50	1.74
South East Asia	209.80	221.70	+ 0.90	0.21
Cash Trust Inc	102.00	102.00	...	5.58
UK Smllr Cos Inc	129.60	136.90	- 0.20	1.80
-do- Accum	137.10	144.90	- 0.20	1.80
Intl Bond Inc	89.44	94.05	- 0.10	4.85
International Strat	87.13	92.27	...	
SHARP (ALBERT E) Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
European	185.60	196.40	+ 1.70	0.38
Nth American	155.00	164.00	+ 1.20	..
Intl Bond & Conv	128.30	136.10†	- 0.20	6.39
Pooled Pension (P)	268.10	277.50†	- 3.80	1.96
Smaller Cos	126.00	132.60†	- 0.10	0.66
UK General #	187.30	197.20†	+ 0.10	2.31
Far Eastern	89.07	93.76	+ 0.88	0.19
SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD 0171 626 6826				
Continental	104.30	110.10	+ 1.30	0.88
Global Grwth	86.67	92.06	+ 0.58	1.10
Inv 1st Port	61.19	66.02	+ 0.09	2.22
Managed	£14.74	£15.66	..	1.50
Pref Inc #	109.90	116.90†	+ 0.20	5.80
Smaller Cos	298.60	317.60	+ 0.20	0.79
Ireland SIB Recognised				
UK Equity Inc ‡	107.85		+ 0.15	4.58
Sterling Reserve ‡	100.78	..	+ 0.02	5.26
Corporate Inc ‡	102.47		+ 0.18	5.24
Tai Pan ‡	118.54		+ 1.54	.
Aztec ‡	80.62	. .	+ 0.62	
Amer Gth Fund ‡	147.87		+ 1.36	.
European ‡	106.59	.	+ 1.13	
Global Bond ‡	87.88	...	- 0.16	7.05
Samurai ‡	53.66		- 0.63	
UK Growth ‡	118.75		+ 0.05	2.81
UK Emerg Leaders ‡	104.91		- 0.06	3.04
Investment Trust ‡	120.26	.	+ 0.18	2.24
The Football Fd ‡	92.47		- 0.07	
Bonus Roll Up ‡	98.15	...	. #	
SMITH & WILLIAMSON UT MGRS 0171 637 5377				
American	449.30	475.30	+ 2.30	
Capital	160.50	169.80	+ 0.50	1.31
Cash	100.82	100.82	+ 0.01	5.68
European	186.70	197.40†	+ 1.90	0.35
Far Eastern	164.60	174.10	- 1.10	.
Growth	187.20	198.00	+ 1.10	1.25
Income #	151.40	160.10	+ 0.80	4.69
Magnum	169.40	179.30	+ 0.50	1.51
Smlr Secs	634.50	671.40	- 0.40	0.14
Thoroughbred	197.30	208.70	+ 0.60	1.25
SOVEREIGN UNIT TST MGRS LTD 01202 435000				
Cautio Prisenco	59.91	64.04	+ 0.01	7.00
Ethical	88.78	94.95	- 0.04	0.84
European Growth	93.57	98.22	+ 0.19	.
Income	67.30	71.97	+ 0.19	3.21
Intl Growth	119.40	126.50†	+ 0.70	0.06
Managed	103.50	109.60	+ 0.50	0.24
UK Growth	85.91	91.88	- 0.59	1.28
STANDARD LIFE UNIT TRUSTS 0800 33 33 53				
Standard Life Fund Mngmt Ltd				
Global Advtg Inc	51.29	51.55	+ 0.20	1.24
Global Advtg Acc	56.07	56.36	+ 0.20	1.24
Income Advtg Inc	40.82	41.03	+ 0.20	3.50
Income Advtg Acc	48.25	48.50	+ 0.30	3.50
UK Equity Gth Acc	114.40	121.30	+ 0.60	1.51
Premier Inc Inc	51.49	52.52	- 0.20	7.12
Premier Inc Acc	56.77	57.91	- 0.30	7.12
Managed Acc	70.65	74.89	+ 0.20	1.40
UK Eq Hi Inc Inc	46.48	49.27†	+ 0.30	4.37
UK Eq Hi Inc Acc	62.98	66.77	+ 0.40	4.37
UK Smlr Cos Acc	50.88	53.95	- 0.10	0.26
Standard Life Tst Mngmt Ltd				
UK Equity Gen Acc	91.80	96.72	+ 0.60	1.86
UK Equity Gen Inc	64.68	68.73	+ 0.40	1.86
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	32.74	34.63†	- 0.10	6.45
Oseas Lrg Co Acc	393.00	426.50	- 1.10	1.81
Nth American Acc	65.60	69.70	- 0.10	0.01
Pacific Basin	45.22	48.05	+ 0.30	0.49
European Acc	67.40	71.62	+ 0.90	0.29
Japan Acc	25.36	26.95	- 0.70	1.05
STATE STREET UT MGMT LTD 0171 344 7000				
Global A (ACS)	5.023	5.336	..	1.73
US Eqts (US$)	4.074	4.318		0.67
Far East Eqts (yen)	267.10	283.70		
FT Europe	179.40	190.50	.	1.03
FT N Amer (US$)	3.130	3.315		.
FT Japan (yen)	194.00	204.90	.	
FT Asia Ex Jap (US$)	3.069	3.260	.	0.97
STEWART IVORY UNIT TST MGRS LTD 0131 226 3271				
American	535.90	566.90	+ 6.50	.
British #	1416.90	1498.40	+ 2.60	2.51
Emging Mkts	190.60	202.50	+ 1.30	0.42
Euro Small Co	66.36	70.80	+ 0.27	0.33
Japan	113.30	120.20	- 4.10	
New Pacific	448.30	477.80	+ 3.80	1.09
-do- Accum	482.40	514.10	+ 3.00	1.09
Inv Trust Acc	322.70	342.20	+ 0.40	1.13
Mngd Equity	221.30	234.10	+ 0.30	1.88
Mngd Cash	95.99	95.99	+ 0.01	5.65
SUN ALLIANCE UNIT TST MGMT LTD Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 690 389				
Equity	1230.00	1315.00	+ 5.00	1.67
North America	209.20	223.20	+ 1.60	
Far East	160.80	171.90	+ 1.60	..
Wwide Bond	55.93	59.33†	+ 0.17	5.61
European	172.40	184.30	+ 0.70	0.18
Equity Income #	128.10	136.90	+ 0.70	4.22
Portfolio	125.70	134.40†	+ 0.60	1.14
UK Leading Cos	93.87	100.10	+ 0.30	2.08
High Inc Bond	50.88	50.98†	- 0.10	6.24
Broker Trusts				
Intl Equity	82.29	88.01	- 0.12	
SUN LIFE OF CANADA UT MGRS LTD 0800 525 725				
Antares UT	24.28	25.84	+ 0.27	0.62
Corp Bd Gilt Inc	100.50	106.92	- 0.32	6.67
Corp Bd & Gilt Acc	108.09	114.99	- 0.34	6.67
European	80.49	84.36	+ 0.18	0.49
High Income	39.25	41.78†	+ 0.05	3.39
Japan	33.17	35.29	- 0.32	0.01
Managed Assets	158.58	169.51	+ 0.34	2.51
North American	52.95	56.33	+ 1.14	0.14
Smlr Co's Inc	38.86	41.35†	- 0.06	2.02
Smlr Co's Acc	43.07	45.82	- 0.06	2.02
UK Growth Inc	73.56	78.26	+ 0.23	2.00
UK Growth Acc	84.03	89.49	+ 0.26	2.00
UK Income	51.74	55.34	+ 0.16	2.75
Worldwide Grth	45.71	48.89	+ 0.04	0.16
SLC Pensions Funds				
Asian & Oceanic Ex	32.87	33.89†	+ 0.36	1.61
European Exmpt	118.02	121.68	+ 0.16	1.18
Japan Exempt	28.50	29.39	- 0.36	0.03
US Exmpt	107.91	111.25	+ 1.09	1.14
SUN LIFE TRUST MGMT LTD Admin & Enq: 0171 606 4044 Dlg: 0171 606 6010				
Discretionary	61.43	65.35		
Cap Protector Inc	55.62	59.17†	+ 0.07	2.80
UK Income Inc	70.53	75.03	+ 0.23	3.20
Mngd Extra Inc Inc #	37.54	39.73†	- 0.04	6.74
Mngd High Yld Inc	101.93	108.44†	+ 0.27	4.41
Mngd Inc/Gth Inc	99.31	105.65†	+ 0.35	3.29
UK Smaller Cos	43.72	46.51	- 0.06	1.70
Pacific Grth Port	52.30	55.64	+ 0.14	0.69
TSB UNIT TRUSTS 01264 346 794				
American	341.56	361.44	+ 3.89	
-do- Accum	376.21	398.11	+ 3.41	
Brit Growth	138.28	146.33	+ 0.82	1.41
-do- Accum	174.23	184.37	+ 0.78	1.41
European	149.02	157.70	+ 0.50	
-do- Accum	159.17	168.44	+ 0.53	
Extra Income #	237.36	251.18	+ 0.71	4.36
-do- Accum #	443.51	469.32	+ 1.33	4.36
Smaller Cos	97.43	103.10	- 0.08	0.71
-do- Accum	111.98	118.50	- 0.09	0.71
General	404.51	428.06	+ 1.58	1.69
-do- Accum	871.90	922.65	+ 3.41	1.69
Premier Income	52.89	55.10†	- 0.17	6.18
-do- Accum	137.17	142.88†	- 0.46	6.18
Income #	434.72	460.02	+ 1.99	3.35
-do- Accum #	£10.21	£10.80	+ 4.67	3.35
Pacific	391.68	414.48	+ 0.44	0.47
-do- Accum	411.56	435.51	+ 0.46	0.47
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. . . but the quirky Fountains of Wayne gush catchy tunes and daft wordplay in abundance

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Take a mix of this and that

POP ALBUMS: Under its high gloss Gary Barlow's solo debut is a dull affair, says **David Sinclair**

Glamour boy goes it alone: but for all Gary Barlow's obvious ability he offers little to latch on to, and the absence of personality rubs off on his music

GARY BARLOW
Open Road
(RCA/BMG 74321 417 202, £14.49)

WE KNOW he was the talented one in Take That. And yes, this debut solo album, which was scrapped and then completely re-recorded under the paternalistic eye of executive producer Clive Davis, is about as polished and watertight a vessel as has ever set sail on the placid waters of mainstream pop.

But there is something depressingly workaday about Gary Barlow. Like Elton John without the tantrums or Annie Lennox without the bug-eyed stare, he offers little to latch on to, and for all his obvious ability the absence of personality rubs off on his music.

The George Michael comparisons, although familiar by now, are still apt, and never more so than on the pop-soul sound of Barlow's current hit, *Love Won't Wait* (written by Madonna and Shep Pettibone) and his traditionalist revival of the Johnny Bristol standard, *Hang On In There Baby* (scrupulously produced here by Trevor Horn).

Barlow's own songs, which make up the majority of *Open Road*, tend to be slow ballads with turgid lyrics such as "Love, it has so many beautiful faces" and "You're the girl that I've needed for so long". Some of it is quite pleasant, and he tacks cautiously into a slightly stiffer breeze with the relatively soul-searching lyrics of *Never Knew* and the title track. But moments when the album genuinely comes alive — as when he tackles *Lay Down For Love*, an upbeat number co-written by the Spice Girls team of Richard Stannard and Matt Rowe — are disappointingly few and far between.

THE SEAHORSES
Do It Yourself
(Geffen GED-25134, £13.49)

HAVING made a relatively dignified exit from the wreckage of the Stone Roses, guitarist John Squire is to be congratulated for getting his new group, the Seahorses, up and running with a minimum of fuss and delay. Unfortunately, there is not much else to congratulate him or anyone else about, so far as this drab debut album is concerned.

Despite the charm of the first single, *Love Is The Law*, there is an overwhelming sense of déjà vu about *Do It Yourself*, with songs such as *Round The Universe* and *Standing On Your Head* offering little more than a pick'n'mix compendium of the same old Beatles-influenced tunes, spliced to the sort of hackneyed blues-rock riffing that went out of fashion around the time that Bad Company were formed.

The rest of the band exude the sanguine competence of above average pub-rockers, but there is no fire in their performances or colour in the curiously washed-out vocals of Chris Helme. Crushed by the weight of other people's expectations and hindered by his own apparent lack of musical ambition, Squire has settled for an easy life, and who can blame him?

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FOUNTAINS OF WAYNE
Fountains Of Wayne
(Atlantic 7567-92725, £15.49)

OFTEN bracketed with Eels as one of those quirky new groups that are going to restore the tarnished image of post-grunge American rock, Fountains Of Wayne actually have no master plan other than to write catchy tunes with memorable, storyboard lyrics. Combining a sense of harmony derived from the Beach Boys with the rock'n'roll dynamics of Nirvana, they hit all the right buttons on *Survival Car*, a kind of surfing anthem adapted for the inner city ("Riding on the path we made to Union Square"), and their wonderful hit single *Radiation Vibe*.

The group's songwriting team of Chris Collingwood and Adam Schlesinger have a penchant for daft wordplay on tracks that are by turns silly, sad and whimsical, but always modern and exuberantly observed. *Fountains Of Wayne* have tapped the elixir of 1990s vintage American pop with fizz to spare.

DAVID BYRNE
Feelings
(Luaka Bop/Warner Bros. 9362-46605, £13.99)

AFTER the stark simplicity of his last, self-titled album, released in 1994, David Byrne has gone for something a bit more weird and wilful on *Feelings*. Even so, at 45, the former Talking Head still shows no signs of succumbing to middle-aged spread.

Now that everyone is mixing up pop with an exotic cocktail of Central and South American influences, it is nice to be reminded, on *Miss America*, that it was Byrne who got there first. But elsewhere it is now Byrne who, rather like David Bowie, is jumping aboard bandwagons.

Several of the tracks have been produced by British trip hop collective Morcheeba, who tend to swathe his voice in layers of compression and echo before bringing in such unlikely elements as sitar, dobro and violin to produce the hoe-down from hell on *Daddy Go Down*, for example.

With no lyric sheet, and many of the vocal performances buried at the bottom of the mix, it is hard to know what he is going on about on *Finite=Alright* and *Burnt By The Sun*. But unlike the instant fix of most modern pop, this is an album which may take some time fully to surrender its charms.

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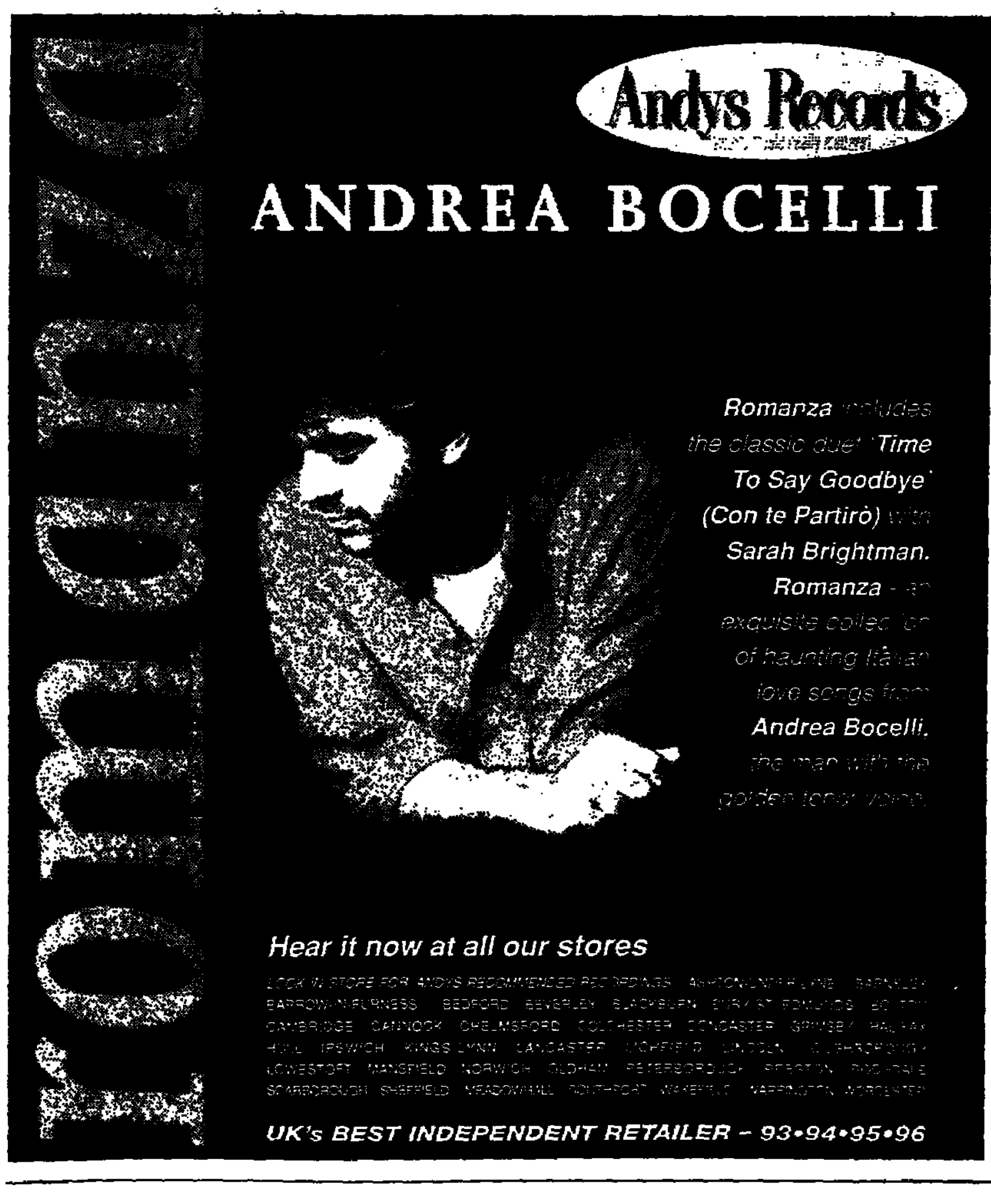

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The madness of genius

Not all pop stars are junkies. Some of the biggest are curiously sane

CAITLIN MORAN

Following last week's doom'n'gloom session — wherein I relayed the information that three-quarters of the music industry is either a cokey whore braying nonsense at itself nightly, or slumped in a dingy West London flat, managing vast quantities of daytime TV due to big bags of heroin — it is time for the good news.

There are sane pop stars! There are musicians who realise that expecting their muse to flourish in the arid, gritty soil of parties and drugs is plainly unfeasible, and that stepping outside the music industry treadmill is a more viable option for artistic longevity.

Consider for instance, Julian Cope. His autobiography *Head On* details chasing various members of his band across the Welsh mountains with a shotgun; a "light-hearted" murder attempt on his keyboard-player with a fork; and excesses that would make a sane man, well, attempt to murder his keyboard player with a fork. However, a combination of marriage and divine revelation has led Cope to be one of the sanest, sortedest men ever to wear fluorescent cycling shorts. He now controls his own business, putting out mail-order albums and publishing his own books. He is also bemused by other artists who continue to believe that being "rock'n'roll" entails being a miserable, messed-up old misery-trousers. As a result, Cope hasn't put out a duff album in ten years.

Michael Stipe is another wise head on spindly shoulders. Despite being one of the most famous artists in the world, he's managed to keep his private life just that — no mean feat when half the world's press want to know if he's gay or not. The intricate coding of his lyrics has allowed him to speak freely on a number of issues without ever getting the Moral Majority on his back and, rarely for a pop star, he cherishes friendships and nurtures other artists. He was one of the few people who tried to help Kurt Cobain before his death, and after Cobain killed himself, Stipe became Courtney Love's comforter and Wailing Wall. Stipe also befriended Thom Yorke of Radiohead, at a time when three-quarters of the world (wrongly) believed *The Bends* was Yorke's suicide note. Stipe has been instrumental in Yorke's new methodology in dealing with the press, showed him how to distance himself from his febrile music, and encouraged a further encryption of Radiohead's lyrics.

However, Yorke now stands alone as one of Pop's Sane Men. Radiohead's forthcoming album, *OK Computer*, is bound to be the Album of the Year, and most of its astonishing vision is due to Yorke's practical sensibilities. Remaining in Oxfordshire and openly contemptuous of the cattle-market that the music industry has turned into, Yorke has fed his muse records and books rather than drugs and gossip, and kept his principles where others have sold them for a two-page spread in *Loaded*.

George Michael's only interview in the last five years has been for *The Big Issue* — but then, he doesn't really need to do interviews any more. After the Sony court-case, wherein he made the point that if an artist doesn't possess the freedom to make the music that he chooses, and that if the music that he does make doesn't belong to him, then he is to all intents and purposes a slave — Michael now conducts his interviews through his lyrics.

The lyrics to *Star People '97* echo Cope's irritable bemusement about pop stars who revel in being dysfunctional ("Maybe your mama didn't love you enough/It's the same old same old"); and the mere fact that he lives in a modest, slightly messy house that he cleans himself makes him immediately more sane than, say, John Lennon, who sat in an isolated mansion in Wiltshire for four years, and wondered why he went mad.

And finally, Sinead O'Connor. Her most famous statement — "All the troubles in the world are down to child abuse" — was howlingly dismissed as hysterical ranting at the time. But it's the truest thing any pop star has ever said. Babies aren't born evil — their heads are empty, and it's only if they're filled with abuse, be it mental, physical or sexual, that they become twisted adults. O'Connor also realised that being famous was driving her mad, and so sent herself to night-school to study, and concentrated on raising her children.

Do you want to know the maddest thing? Within the industry, all these pop stars are considered slightly insane.

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■ POP 5

Hail to the dark satanic mills: Richard Thompson yearns for manual toil on *Industry*

■ POP 6

Embrace continue their fast rise, making the McNamaras the most talked-about brothers in Britain

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■ DANCE

Preparing for the big one: petite Altynai Asylmuratova leads *Swan Lake* to the Albert Hall

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Surely that isn't Penelope Keith playing the harlot in *Mrs Warren's Profession*?

Nigel Williamson meets songwriter Richard Thompson

Elegy for the working man

THE artwork for the cover of Richard Thompson's new album *Industry* arrives just as we are discussing his nostalgia for Britain's lost mills, *foundries and shipyards*. The cover depicts two huge machine cogs, while in the background a dandelion gone to seed signifies decay. "It's too bright. It was meant to be grimier," complains the songwriter and one-time mainstay of Fairport Convention.

Thompson is big on grime. It clogs the pores of his new work, an ambitious song-cycle about the rise and decline of British manufacturing from the Industrial Revolution to the dismantling of heavy industry during the 1980s. "These days Britain is cleaner and we are probably all better off, but it is a bit bland," he says. "I miss the dirt."

Thompson, a quintessentially English writer who has always drawn deeply on tradition, now spends most of his time in California. But the man who invented English folk-rock has not turned away from his own heritage. *Industry* tackles such subjects as child labour, factory lockouts, pit closures and long-term unemployment, almost like a musical version of E.P. Thompson's *The Making of The English Working Class*.

Musically, too, the sound is distinctively English. Brass bands, traces of Elgar and folk song are there, evoking not John Major's England of old maids bicycling to evensong but a nation built on working-class toil.

It is hard to think of another contemporary songwriter with the maturity or the confidence to tackle such a vast theme. "We could have made seven albums, there is such a history to write about," says Richard Thompson. The "we" refers to musical collaborator Danny Thompson (no relation), the former Pentangle double bassist whose own roots in Durham mining stock permeate the album.

"We were looking for a project we both felt passionate about," says Richard Thompson. "Then Mick Wadsworth, manager of Scarborough Football Club, sent us some cuttings about the closure of Grimethorpe colliery and the effect it had on the town."

"That led initially to *Last Shift*, a song burning with anger about a society that can consign an entire town to the scrapheap. "The miners were fantastic people. Because the job is so dangerous they pulled together in a way that I don't suppose we shall see again. It's not the same if you are making Toyota cars on an assembly line."

Richard Thompson, muse of the heavy industries

From there it was an easy decision to sustain the industrial theme. "As well as the people I love the industrial landscape and the machinery. It is a shame to see that disappear and I wanted to write about it."

While making the album Thompson went down a pit for the first time and also dug into libraries of working-class literature. His research produced *Big Chimney*, a song driven by a piston-like rhythm, based on a worker's description of life in a steel mill, while the account of an 18th-century mill worker who felt he was being taken over by the machinery became the song *Saboteur*. "It is a powerful image," says Thompson. "He takes his hammer and goes down to the engine room to smash it. But he can't do it because he is overcome by the machine's beauty."

If those are the tales of working men, the poignant *Drifting Through The Days* deals with the crushing despair of unemployment. "I feel a fraud over that, because I've never been out of work for two years and felt suicidal about it," says Thompson. "But I wanted to empathise."

Snapshots these may be, but Thompson's lens is sharply focused and he completes the cycle with *Lotteryland*, an acid observation on the twice-weekly national obsession of post-industrial Britain. The song is, in effect, a requiem for the old working class. "It's not an entirely enthusiastic view of Blairdom," Thompson concedes. "Perhaps the decline of industry was inevitable for us to arrive in Euro middle-party land. But it is not very exciting. Winning the lottery is the only hope for a lot of people."

Industry is not easy listening, but then there is nothing soft about its subject matter. What stops it from becoming mere polemic is the compassion running through the songs. "The sympathy of the songs is with working people and their communities," Thompson says. "But the manner in which industry was destroyed makes me angry. Social change happens and you cannot stop it, but it makes you angry to see politicians working insensitively."

The Thompsons are performing *Industry* on tour this week. Catch them now, for these are the only live outings the album is likely to enjoy. Already Richard is immersed in his next project, which delves even further back into *English history*. "I'm working with Phil Pickett and the New London Consort who specialise in early music, but we are adding a rhythm section. I call it heavy metal medieval."

● Industry *is on Parlophone. Richard Thompson and Danny Thompson are at Blackheath Concert Hall (tonight, tomorrow); Nottingham Theatre Royal (Sun); Leeds Irish Centre (Mon); Newcastle Playhouse (Tues)*

Brothers hug the limelight

Embrace
University of London
Union, WC1

THE last time Embrace played at ULU, they were fourth on the bill to Kenickie, playing in front of 40 people. It was not a bad turn-out for the band's second London show, but it simply wasn't good enough for front man Danny McNamara. So he walked off stage after just four songs.

Five months later, it is a *completely different story*. The McNamaras — Richard plays guitar — are the most talked about new brothers in Britain and, this week, Embrace's *Fireworks* EP went straight into the Top 40.

Few rock'n'roll bands would dare to open with a ballad, but Embrace kick off with the slowest, most aching song in their set, the country bruised blues of *Retread*. They follow it with *All You Good Good People*, the huge, uplifting hymn that made them stand *out from every other new band* in years. As it fades out, Danny McNamara sheds his jacket like a dead skin and affords himself a rare public smile. "Number 34 in the charts this week," he tells the crowd.

He sounds triumphant, but he knows that Embrace won't be hanging around the lower reaches of the charts for long. As if to signal further intent, they play *Now You're Nobody*, which sounds like a collision between Elvis Presley's *Suspicious Minds* and the Stone Roses — the kind of company Embrace have always intended to keep.

It is difficult to pinpoint what makes this band special until you realise that they *never settle into any particular* mood — combining psychedelia with arms-aloft anthems and heartbreaking ballads, yet never having the audience's attention anything less than completely rapt. "I want to get people," Danny McNamara once said. "Just get them." Tonight, he did that.

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This will be a *Swan Lake* whose statistics are designed to impress. A cast of 120 dancers, a wardrobe of 250 costumes, 150 pairs of tights, more than 4,000 beads and 5,000 metres of braid. With a budget of £1.8 million, it is surely the most expensive *ballet ever staged in Britain*. And the icing on the cake? Only the best Odette-Odile in the business.

She is Altynai Asylmuratova, prima ballerina of the Kirov and the world's foremost swan, a dancer so divine she has been known to reduce even the most hardened critics to a blubbering gush of superlatives. Now Britain is welcoming her back as the star guest of English National Ballet's *Swan Lake*, which *comes to the Albert Hall next* week.

Derek Deane, ENB's artistic director, is staging Tchaikovsky's ballet in the round, with the unique performing space of the Albert Hall in mind. Seventy swans will circle the stage — more than twice as many as in conventional productions — and special effects will play to the arena's cavernous interior. In the midst of it all, on opening night, will be Asylmuratova.

The 36-year-old Russian has probably danced the dual role of Odette-Odile more than 300 times in her career. But never has she performed it in the round, and never in front of so huge an audience.

"I have never danced before 5,000 people before," she says. "But I am not about to change my interpretation because of the space. If you've got something to give, it will be felt and seen, no matter how big the theatre. If you haven't, it won't *make any difference*. But," *she* adds, taking another drag on her cigarette, "I may have to give up smoking in order to be physically fit enough to get around the building."

GILL ALLEN

Altynai Asylmuratova: "I may have to stop smoking to be fit enough to get around the stage"

Asylmuratova, who has danced *Swan Lake* with American Ballet Theatre in New York, with the Paris Opera and the Royal Ballet, has never forgotten the special place Odette-Odile inhabits in her repertoire. "I started with *Swan Lake*; it was my examination performance. My teacher said that if you can dance *Swan Lake* you are a ballerina. If not . . ."

At the Albert Hall, *Asylmuratova is dancing four* performances — including the gala on June 3 in the presence of Diana, Princess of Wales — with Roberto Bolle from La Scala in Milan as her Siegfried. The two had never met before rehearsals, but Asylmuratova enjoys the challenge of an unfamiliar face. "I very much like anything new. It's always very interesting to start up a new relationship, to see how it comes out on stage."

London is also special to her. Her three-year-old daughter Anastasia was born here; and it is the home of Covent Garden. Asylmuratova appeared as a guest artist at the Royal Opera House on a fairly regular basis in the early Nineties, a period she looks back on with real fondness. She loved dancing the Ashton and MacMillan ballets — those who saw it will never forget her Manon — and one senses her disappointment that a more permanent relationship with the Royal Ballet did not develop. Instead, it was lucky France which snapped her up — Asylmuratova spends six months a year with Roland Petit's company in Marseilles.

"I look for work in the West, not just in England but in France, because I want to do something new. I love classical ballet; I love my theatre. But I cannot stay in the same place, always doing the same thing."

What she needs now, she says, is to have ballets made specially for her. Remarkably, no choreographer has ever taken advantage of Asylmuratova's extraordinary talents.

Despite her travels abroad in search of artistic adventures, home is still the Kirov (where a top star like Asylmuratova earns only $200 a month), and when the St Petersburg company returns to London in July, Asylmuratova will be at the Coliseum dancing with her Russian colleagues.

She is profoundly committed to her art form and devoted to the Maryinsky Theatre, home of the Kirov, even though she has frequently been outspoken in her criticism of the Kirov's outgoing *artistic director*, Oleg Vinogradov. But change is in the air at the Maryinsky, and these days Asylmuratova prefers to look to the future rather than dwell on the mistakes of the past. Still, she does worry about the way ballet is changing in her homeland. "The younger generation are all very tall, technical dancers. The Western craze for technical overstatement has hit Russia and ballerinas have jumped on that bandwagon somewhat belatedly."

Young dancers today, she says, don't have time to mature. "Before they were used to ripening slowly; now they tend to peak a bit too soon. It's much easier now to be a ballerina. I was in the corps de ballet for five years; I worked my way up slowly and I had to prove myself at every stage.

"Sure, young dancers today have better physiques, but what is a ballerina? It's not about having a great physique; it's not about gymnastics. It is about everything: intelligence, emotion, physicality, all these things go into making a ballerina."

In the post-Communist economic climate, Russian audiences have changed, too. "It's not the same public any more. The true ballet-lovers are usually not from the wealthy class; they cannot afford a ticket. And the people who can afford tickets aren't really interested in ballet; they just wish to be seen in the theatre. A lot of my fans have made special sacrifices and perhaps have even gone to the length of not eating for several days in order to afford a ticket. But they still always bring me flowers."

● Swan Lake is *at the Albert Hall (0171-589 8212) from Thursday to June 11*

Unlikely madam

THEATRE

Mrs Warren's Profession
Richmond Theatre

SHAW rightly made a meal of the fact that his 1894 play was banned by the Lord Chamberlain and only publicly performed in England 30 years after it was written. One hundred and three years later, Alan Strachan's production (sponsored by Barclays Stage Partners) makes a strong case for why Shaw's potboiler should still shock the unsuspecting *theatregoer*. Unfortunately this is due almost entirely to the fact that the prostitute who thinks virtuously of her daughter's future while she is being manhandled for money is none other than Penelope Keith.

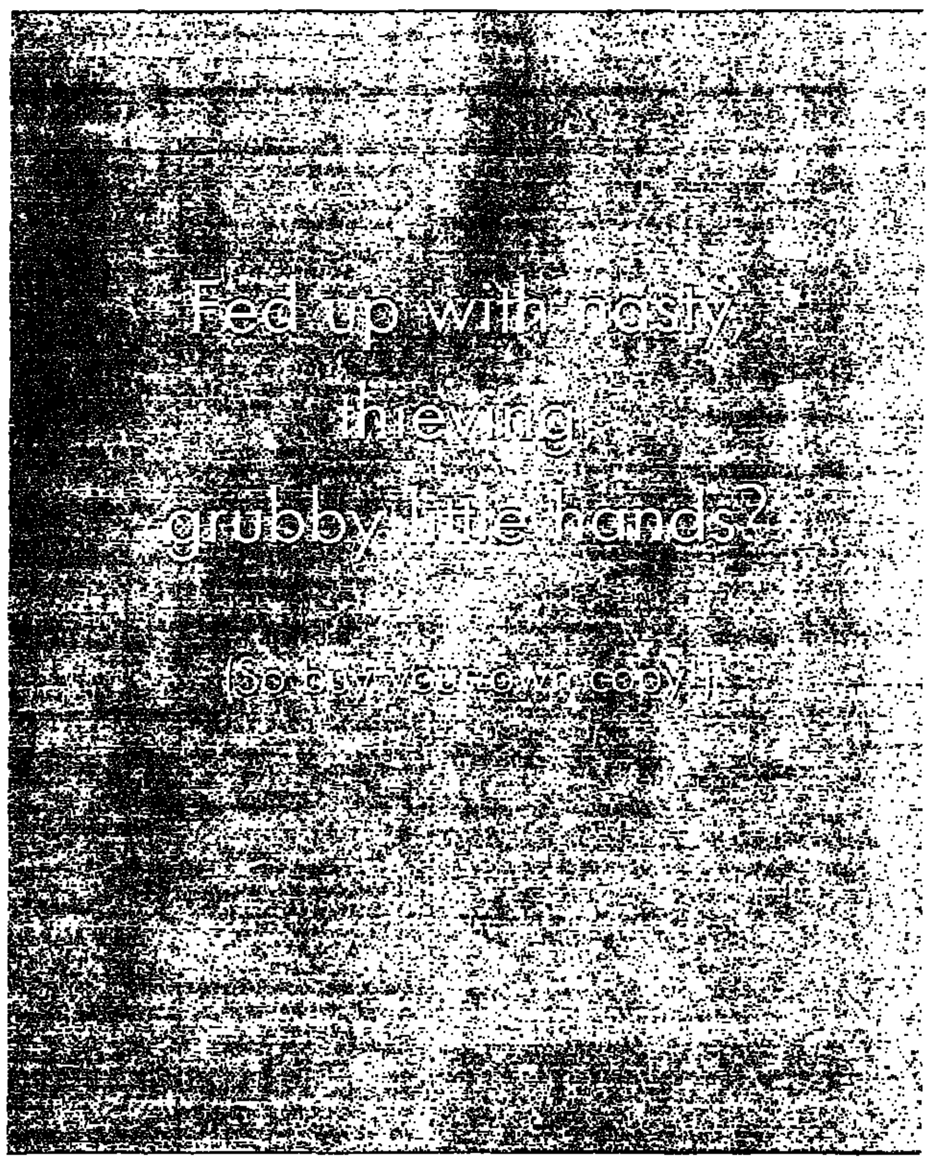
As a comic actress Keith has always been a class apart, and usually several feet above, her boorish male victims. As the soft-hearted opportunist Mrs Warren, she hovers above the hypocritical code of male society but she also provides one of the most improbable couplings of character and actress I've ever seen. To proposition Keith's brothel keeper would be like asking a revered maiden aunt for a quick tumble in the church vestry before Benediction. This fact is presumably not lost on Robert Hands's young Frank Gardner when he squeezes what can only be described as the most chaste of *French kisses out of her in the* Warrens' kitchen when he should be doting on her rigidly principled daughter, Vivie.

Having sanded her accent down to something mawkish from the Lionel Bart school of *cockney — all cackle and* dropped Hs — Keith's Mrs Warren plays the dowdy coquette in front of her clapped-out clients; and the doughty *mother from the mean streets* for the benefit of her daughter. But her performance is a pyrrhic triumph of charisma over credulity.

The real punches are thrown by Carolyn Backhouse's breathtakingly severe Vivie. If her ignorance about her mother's profession provides the heavy-handed irony of the first half, it's her horrific rejection of her mother in the final act that puts some much-needed steel into Strachan's blousy production. *To this end* Denis Lill's dastardly Sir George Crofts impressively paves the way, impaling insects on his walking stick while angling for Vivie's hand in marriage. For Lill's greying Crofts the moral snobbery that Vivie has refined in Cambridge is no more or less hypocritical than his own dirty laundry. Their face-off is the production's best moment.

The rest is dry as gin. *Hands provides a little tonic* as Vivie's frivolous and petulant boyfriend. But Strachan needs something stronger than tonic to lift his production out of the ordinary. Several sticks of dynamite perhaps.

JAMES CHRISTOPHER



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Bernard Haitink conducts Trevor Nunn's production of *Katya Kabanova*

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■ CHOICE 2

Ian Talbot performs in *A Midsummer Night's Dream* in Regent's Park

VENUE: Previews tonight at the Open Air Theatre

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■ CHOICE 3

Janet Suzman directs a new production of *The Cherry Orchard*

VENUE: At the Repertory Theatre in Birmingham

■ OPERA

Why oh why? The questions are unanswered in Opera North's mysterious new *Così fan tutte*

WEEKEND CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Gillian Maxey

LONDON

KATYA KABANOVA Eva Jenis and Elena Prokina (June 4 and 9) share the title role in Trevor Nunn's production of Janáček's tragic human drama, with atmospheric designs by Maria Björnson. Conducted by Bernard Haitink. Sung in Czech with English surtitles.
Royal Opera House Covent Garden, WC2 (0171-304 4000). Opens tonight 7.30pm. Then May 26, 29, June 2, 4 and 6.

A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM This season opens with Rachel Kavanaugh's production of the Shakespeare ideally suited to the open air. Ian Talbot plays Bottom. Fergus [illegible] provides the [illegible] music.
Open Air Regent's Park, NW1 (0171-486 2431). Previews begin tonight, 8pm. Opens May 27, 8pm. Then Mon-Sat, some mats, various dates on Wed. [illegible] *All's Well That Ends Well* joins the repertoire in June.

ROYAL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA Conductor Daniele Gatti's final concert of the season at the Barbican features music by Mendelssohn, Strauss and Schubert. The programme begins with the latter's *Unfinished Symphony* and includes [illegible] two of Strauss's operas: *Der Rosenkavalier* and *Dance of the Seven Veils* from *Salome*. Sandwiched between [illegible] Mendelssohn's Piano Concerto No 1 in which Maurizio Zanini makes his London debut.
Barbican Silk Street, EC2 (0171-638 8891). Tonight, 7.30pm.

ELSEWHERE

BIRMINGHAM Janet Suzman directs a co-production with the Market Theatre of Johannesburg of **The Cherry Orchard** relocated to the Orange Free State as the old order dies. The cast includes Estelle Kohler, Jack Klaff, Burt Caesar and Tommy Eytle.
Repertory Centenary Square (0121-236 4455). *Previews begin tonight* 7.30pm. Opens May 27, 7.30pm.

BRIGHTON The final weekend of the **Brighton Festival** includes **DV8**'s latest production, *Bound to Please*, which looks at the parallels between dance and social conformity (Gardner Centre, tonight and tomorrow, 7.45pm). In the Royal Pavilion (tonight, 6pm), the **Brodsky Quartet** celebrates its 25th season, and, fresh from this evening's concert at the Barbican in London, Daniele Gatti and the *RPO*, together with the Brighton Festival Chorus, perform at the Dome (tomorrow, 8pm).
Brighton Festival (01273 709709)

COVENTRY An exhibition of recent monoprints, etchings, woodcuts and lithographs by **Ken Kiff**, a former associate artist at the National Gallery in London, opens tomorrow.
Mead Gallery Warwick Arts Centre, University of Warwick (01203 524524). Mon-Sat, 10.30am-7.30pm.

PERTH The 26th **Perth Festival of the Arts** begins today with John Currie's production of *The Marriage of Figaro*. The festival includes a celebration of French chamber music, with pianist Pascal Rogé, Quatuor Parisii and London Winds. Other artists taking part include the Moscow State Symphony Orchestra and the Scottish Chamber Orchestra, while the second Perth film festival has as its theme "Scotland on the Silver Screen". Until June 1.
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THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ **House full, returns only**
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◪ ***BEAUTY AND THE BEAST*** Disney's film turned into a hit Broadway musical. Julie Alanah Brighten and Alasdair Harvey as the leads, with support from the likes of Derek Griffiths and Norman Rossington.
Dominion Tottenham Court Road, W1 (0171-416 6060). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mat Sat, 2.30pm.

☐ **DONA ROSITA** Phoebe Nicholls plays the patient spinster, pointlessly hopeful, but then this is Lorca. Eleanor Bron, Kathryn Hunter, Celia Imrie, Kerry Shale, Clive Swift also feature in Phyllida Lloyd's production.
Almeida Almeida Street, N1 (0171-359 4404). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mat Sat, 3pm.

☐ **THE FIX** New American musical by John Dempsey and Dana P. Rowe, directed by Sam Mendes. John Barrowman plays an ambitious political candidate and the excellent Kathryn Evans is his scheming mother.
Donmar Warehouse Earlham Street, WC2 (0171-369 1732). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Wed and Sat, 3pm.

◪ **THE HERBAL BED** Peter Whelan's fascinating play. Teresa Banham plays Shakespeare's daughter and Stephen Boxer her Puritan inquisitor.
Duchess Catherine Street, WC2 (0171-494 5075). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Wed and Sat, 2.30pm.

☐ **LADY IN THE DARK** The 1941 musical by Moss Hart, Ira Gershwin and Kurt Weill. A fashion editor (Maria Friedman) visits her psychiatrist to tell of her dreams about three men. Directed by Francesca Zambello.
National (Lyttelton) South Bank, SE1 (0171-928 2252). Tonight-Sat, Mon, 7.30pm; mat Sat, 2.15pm. In rep.

☐ **LADY WINDERMERE'S FAN** Braham Murray's production of Wilde. Gabrielle Drake plays the woman with a past, Rebecca Johnson the virtuous wife without a mother.
Theatre Royal Haymarket, SW1 (0171-930 8800). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 5pm. Until June 28.

☐ **MARLENE** Siân Phillips gives an attractive performance as the singer with the golden throat dress. On the whole more successful than Pam Gems's play.
Lyric Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5045). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Wed and Sat, 3pm.

◪ **POPCORN** Ben Elton's blistering *comedy about movie violence*. A Tarantinoesque director gets his comeuppance when a couple of serial killers (great playing by Patrick O'Kane and Dena Davis) blame him for their *misdeeds*. Laurence Boswell directs.

Apollo, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5070). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Wed, 3pm, and Sat, 4pm.

☐ **THE SCHOOL FOR WIVES** Peter Bowles both touching and comic as Molière's deluded hero. Eric Sykes excellent as his flicker-fingered servant. *Peter Hall directs.*
Comedy, Panton Street, SW1 (0171-369 1731). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mat Wed 3pm, Sat, 4.30pm. Until July 26.

☐ **SCHOOLGIRLS IN UNIFORM** Cast of 18 women play teachers and students in a stage version of Christa Winsloe's Expressionist classic *Mädchen in Uniform*. Hellie Bright plays *Manuela*, Hildegard Neil her comforter.
BAC Studio 1, Lavender Hill, SW11 (0171-223 2223). Tue-Sat, 7.30pm; Sun, 5.30pm. Until June 1.

LONG RUNNERS

☐ **Blood Brothers** Phoenix (0171-369 1733) ☐ **Buddy** Strand (0171-930 8800) ☐ **The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged)** Criterion (0171-369 1737) ☐ **Martin Guerre** Prince Edward (0171-447 5400) ■ **Les Misérables** Palace (0171-434 0909) ◪ ***Miss Saigon*** Drury Lane (0171-494 5400) ☐ **The Mousetrap** St Martin's (0171-836 1443) ☐ **Oliver!** Palladium (0171-494 5020) ■ **The Phantom of the Opera** Her *Majesty's (0171-494 5400)*

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

◆ **ANNA KARENINA** (15) Tidy version of Tolstoy's novel, with Sophie Marceau and Sean Bean. Director, Bernard Rose.
Notting Hill Coronet ♿ (0171-727 6705) **Odeons: Haymarket** (0181-315 4212) **Kensington** (0181-315 4214) **Swiss Cottage** (0181-315 4220) **UCI Whiteleys** ♿ (0990 888990) **Virgin Chelsea** (0171-352 5096)

◆ **BEAVIS AND BUTT-HEAD DO AMERICA** (12) TV's teenage morons conquer the big screen. Fun, but crude animation. Director, Mike Judge.
ABC Tottenham Court Road (0171-636 6148) **Empire** (0990 888990) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121) **UCI Whiteleys** ♿ (0990 888990) **Virgins: Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636) **Trocadero** ♿ (0171-434 0031)

◆ **JUNGLE 2 JUNGLE** (PG) Boy from the Amazon jungle turns up in [illegible] New York. With Tim Allen.
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MON HOMME (18) [illegible]
ABC Baker Street (0171-935 9772) **Lumiere** [illegible] **Renoir** [illegible] **Ritzy** [illegible]

NO WAY HOME (18) Interesting but troubled American independent movie about a former prisoner (Tim Roth) sucked into trouble. Director, Buddy Giovinazzo.
Odeon Kensington (0181-315 4214) **Virgins: Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Haymarket** (0171-839 1527)

CURRENT

◆ **ANACONDA** (15) Silly fun in the rainforest with Jennifer Lopez, Jon Voight and an uncommonly giant snake. Director, Luis Llosa.
Greenwich (0181-235 3005) **Odeons: Kensington** (0181-315 4214) **Leicester Square** (0181-315 4215) **Marble Arch** (0181-315 4216) **Swiss Cottage** (0181-315 4220)

◆ **DONNIE BRASCO** (18) FBI agent [illegible]
ABC Baker Street (0171-935 9772) **Barbican** ♿ (0171-638 8891) **Odeons: Kensington** (0181-315 4214) **Swiss Cottage** (0181-315 4220) **West End** (0181-315 4221) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121)

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KILLER: A JOURNAL OF MURDER (18) Thoughtful drama about an unrepentant criminal, with James Woods and Robert Sean Leonard.
Metro (0171-437 0757)

◆ **LIAR LIAR** (12) Lawyer Jim Carrey tells the truth for 24 hours. Attractive comedy, soft round the edges.
ABC Tottenham Court Road (0171-636 6148) ***Empire*** (0990 888990) **Greenwich** (0181-235 3005) **Odeons: Kensington** (0181-315 4214) **Marble Arch** (0181-315 4216) **Swiss Cottage** (0181-315 4220) **UCI Whiteleys** ♿ *(0990 888990)* **Virgins: Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636) **Trocadero** ♿ (0171-434 0031)

◆ **SCREAM** (18) Wes Craven's rousing horror romp, with Neve Campbell and in-jokes galore.
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◆ **WHEN WE WERE KINGS** (PG) [illegible] Muhammad Ali [illegible]
Ritzy (0171-737 2121) **Screen Green** [illegible] **Virgins: Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636) **Haymarket** (0171-839 1527)

OPERA: **Rodney Milnes** laments a 'mysteriously horrible evening' of Mozart

Beyond our ken

Così fan tutte
Grand, Leeds

There are few operas more enigmatic, and hence troubling, than Mozart's comedy, and it is certainly hard to imagine a production more comprehensively mysterious than Opera North's. The French conductor Claire Gibault is experienced and accomplished — she led an excellent *Pelléas* at Covent Garden some seasons back: the producer Tim Albery is equally experienced, and has done fine work in Leeds. Nothing, to be sure, was happening by chance at Wednesday's first night, and one sat wondering how and why they had come to the decisions that had evidently been taken.

The English Northern Philharmonia played nicely enough for Gibault, but as if held back on a leash. Why did she choose to iron out the natural shape of the phrases into four-square blocks and in un-Mozartian strict tempo, and so conspire to the purposeful suppression of the music's feeling and humour? A little more warmth crept into Act II: was she perhaps suggesting that the new pairings carried more emotional truth? If so, jettisoning Act I was too high a price to pay, and the idea was not consistently seen through — as if it ever could be. Consistency plays little part in *Così*.

Similarly, Albery purposefully suppressed most of the comedy in Act I — if Guglielmo's *Non siate ritrosi* isn't funny, then it is nothing — and so left Act II with nowhere to start out from and nowhere to go. The many dangers of playing the action in modern dress were not avoided: the slaggy colour-supp sisters and the attitudes they struck had no meeting point, a problem magnified by singing the piece in English (the ancient Ruth and Thomas Martin version, with a few swear words thrown in to make it sound "modern").

Is Alfonso as a misogynist drunk interesting enough for Mozart and Da Ponte? Is not Despina as an embittered, humourless drab in the first act, and as Madcap Maisie in the second (with some unbelievably naff routines), carrying inconsistency a little too far? Why were the brother officers so greyly conceived?

The abstract sets by Matthew Howland and Robin Rawstorne performed no discernible service to anyone, and I cannot imagine how Tania Spooner's amateurish, hideously ugly costume designs were ever accepted: they seemed calculated to make the personable young cast look as dim and ungainly as possible. Why, why, why?

Poor soloists! Susannah Glanville, who sang Verdi's Luisa Miller memorably for ON last season and is to tackle his Giovanna d'Arco for them next, fielded bags of tone as Fiordiligi, and made more of *Per pietà* than of the coloratura in her Act I aria. Emma Selway's Dorabella blended nicely with her. Paul Nilon and William Dazeley, both lively stage-creatures, could not quite surmount the producer's determined spraying-down of the officers' characters, and Linda Kitchen (Despina) showed signs of desperation. Jonathan Best (Alfonso) swigged away. Lusty whooping from the production team's claque at the final curtain could not make this anything other than a mysteriously horrible evening.

DONALD COOPER

Linda Kitchen as Despina: signs of desperation in Albery's Opera North staging

Early embarrassment

CONCERT

Westdeutsche Sinfonia/Joeres
Birmingham

Saint-Saëns would probably not recognise the Symphony in A major presented in his name by Dirk Joeres and the Westdeutsche Sinfonia. Mozart, Haydn, Mendelssohn are all clearly in evidence, but where is Saint-Saëns? And if he did remember that he had written such a work as a 15-year-old student at the Conservatoire, he would surely be deeply embarrassed to see it exposed in print and hear it performed in the concert hall (and on record too).

The Symphony in A is accomplished enough but, in comparison with the Symphony in C which the 17-year-old Bizet was to write in similar circumstances five years later, it is frankly uninspired. At the same time, as a mid 19th-century symphonic exercise by a talented student at the Paris Conservatoire, it is certainly not without historical interest. For the non-historians in Symphony Hall the more rewarding experience was the first British performance of Franz Schreker's Scherzo for strings. More serenade than scherzo — it enjoys the same kind of easy-going lifestyle as Dvořák's Serenade in E or Wolf's *Italian Serenade* — it is an engagingly melodious score under any name. It too was written early in the composer's career, though not quite as early in this case, but it is a valuable addition to the repertoire even so.

Without those two rarities the Westdeutsche Sinfonia's concert in Birmingham would not have had much point. It is true that Beethoven's Eighth Symphony was well conducted by Joeres, and that it registered its essentially dynamic character and its structural stature firmly enough. But there are several British chamber orchestras which would have done it just as well, if not (thinking of the woodwind ensemble) considerably better.

The most impressive aspect of the Beethoven performance was the horn playing in the third movement — which prompted the question, why had one of the orchestra's own hornists not been invited to take the solo part in Mozart's Horn Concerto No 4? Michael Thompson's performance was accomplished but not very stylish, not very interesting, and not outstandingly lustrous in sound.

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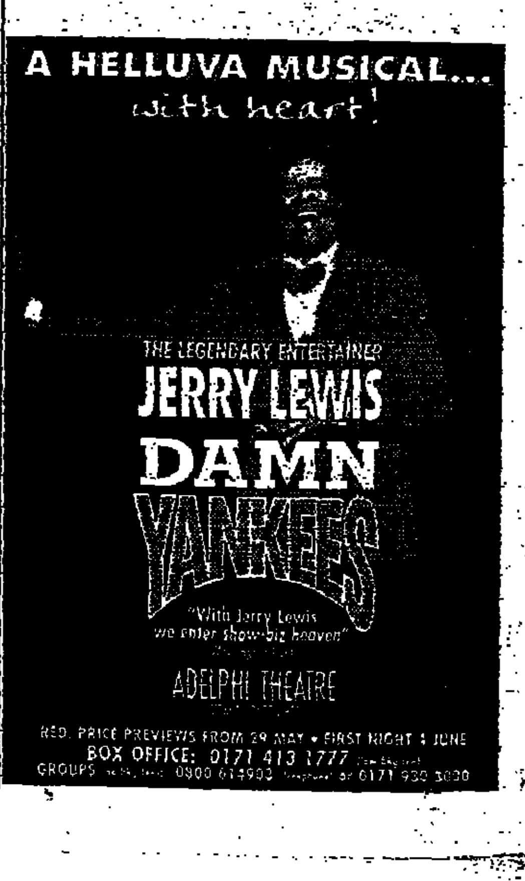

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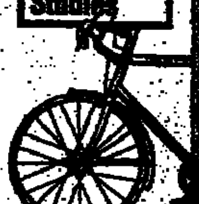

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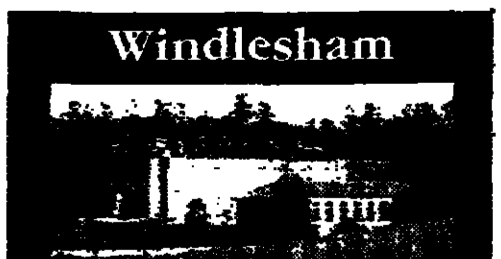

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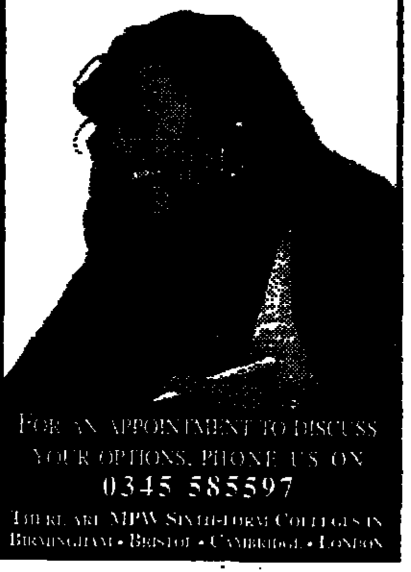

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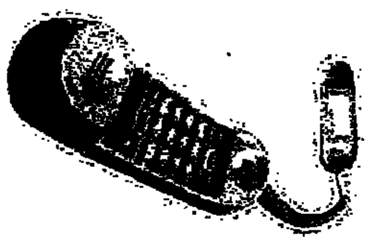

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Further information about the position may be obtained from Jens Westergaard *Madsen, Director of the Institute for Musicology, Klerkegade 2, DK-1308* Copenhagen K. Tel. (+ 45) 35 32 37 37, fax + 45 35 32 37 38.

Deadline for applications: August 1st, 1997.

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Charity: The Masonic Boys' Welfare Fund
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Reference: KL 12410 CD(L4a)

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Dated this 16th day of May, 1997
J.S. Boniface
Secretary of the Company

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No 002179 of 1997
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IN THE MATTER OF ENGLISH & OVERSEAS PROPERTIES plc
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IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on 30th April, 1997 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the confirmation of the reduction of the share premium account of the above-named Company by £6,000,000.

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Dated the 20th day of May, 1997
ALLEN & OVERY
One New Change London EC4M 9QQ
Solicitors for the above-named Company

The Insolvency Act 1986
PCL CONSULTANTS LIMITED
AND
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A list of the names and addresses of the companies creditors will be available for inspection, free of charge, during business hours on the 17th and 18th days of June 1997 at 381-383 City Road, London EC1V 1NA.

Dated this 19th day of May 1997
By Order of the Board
M Lane, Director

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The Insolvency Act 1986
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Dated this 14th May 1997.
P S DUNN, Liquidator

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INSOLVENCY ACT 1986

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Creditors of the above named Company, which is being voluntarily wound up, are required, on or before the 1st July 1997, to send their full forenames and surnames, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any), to the undersigned, K D Goodman, FCA Leonard Curtis & Co, PO Box 553, 30 *Eastbourne Terrace, (2nd Floor),* London W2 6LF the Liquidator of the said Company, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator, are, personally or by their Solicitors to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.
DATED THIS 20th May 1997.
Signature of Liquidator K. D. GOODMAN

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The amount of the permissible capital payment as defined by Sections 171 and 172 of the Act was £5,060,000.

The statutory declaration and auditors' report required by Section 173 of the Act, both of which are dated 16 May 1997 are available for inspection at the registered office of the Company at Sherborne, Dorset DT9 3RB; and

Any creditor of the Company may apply to the High Court under Sections 176 and 177 of the Act within the period of five weeks immediately following 16 May 1997 for an order prohibiting the payment.

No. 006457 of 1996
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
COMPANIES COURT
IN THE MATTER OF HENRY JOHNSON SONS & CO LIMITED AND IN THE MATTER OF THE *COMPANIES ACT 1985*

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Order of the High Court of Justice (Chancery Division) dated 13th May 1997 confirming the reduction of the capital of the above named Company from £500,000 to £460,300 and the Minute approved by the Court showing with respect to the capital of the Company as altered the several particulars required by the above mentioned Act were registered by the Registrar of Companies on 21st May 1997.
DATED this 21st day of May 1997
Messrs Vizards
42 Bedford Row
London WC1R 4JL
Solicitors *for* the above named company

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Company Number 1316339

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND BENEFICIARIES TO SEND IN *CLAIMS UNDER TRUSTEE ACT* 1925 SECTION 27
Re Michael Julian Runciman Miller Deceased

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DATED the 22nd day of May 1997
Messrs Palmer Cowen
16 Berkeley Street
London W1X 5AE
Ref:AM/GD/M33701
Solicitors for the Executors

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EDUCATION

Back to the nursery

Margaret Hodge explains why the Government will replace the Tories' voucher scheme

JEREMY YOUNG

A toddler at a London school: Labour will introduce a nursery scheme based on pragmatism

The new Labour Government yesterday took the first steps towards abolishing the failed nursery voucher scheme set up by the Tories. Two reports that landed on my desk last month showed the need for a new approach.

Both came from Ofsted, the schools inspectorate. One was good, one was bad. Good news in education rarely makes the headlines but learning from good news is vital to the task of raising standards and developing excellence.

The first report, on the non-traditional *Margaret McMillan* Nursery School in Islington, north London, is glowing. This nursery was created in 1990 by amalgamating a council-run day nursery, a nursery school and a nursery for children with special needs.

For 48 weeks a year, from 8am to 5.4pm, it takes children aged between six months and five years. There are 173 children on the school roll attending either full-time or part-time, depending on the needs of the child and the family.

About a third are referred to the school by social services, more than a third have been identified as having special educational needs and many have English as a second language. Childcare and education are integrated in one setting; qualified teachers work alongside nursery nurses under the direction of a head teacher.

From the babies to the four-year-olds, a child's time at the nursery is an individually tailored experience of high-quality care and excellent early-years education.

The Ofsted report praises the "outstanding leadership" of the head and the high expectations of both staff and children. Four out of five of the teaching sessions were judged to be "good" or "very good". Most of the children — many from deprived backgrounds and having a range of disabilities — leave and go to their primary school, after meeting or exceeding the desirable outcomes established by the previous *Government* as a benchmark for measuring quality.

The second report by Ofsted analysed the inspections so far carried out of nurseries and playgroups participating in the Tories' nursery voucher scheme. All the reports relate to private and voluntary settings in the four trial areas for vouchers: three London boroughs and Norfolk.

True, this is the first time such services have been subject to inspection and that in itself must be a good thing. At least we can start to assess educational standards throughout the diverse range of playgroups, private nurseries and local authority nurseries available for young children. This report shows, *however,* that too *many* nurseries offering unacceptably low standards have been allowed to access large amounts of public money through the voucher scheme.

The nurseries were judged against six areas of learning relating to the Education Department's "desirable outcomes". The inspection reports show that even where weaknesses are identified in all six areas of learning, the nurseries are still deemed educationally acceptable and eligible for vouchers. So, for instance, Walpole Area Playgroup in Norfolk and Gorleston Community Association Playgroup in Great Yarmouth showed weaknesses in all six areas, although both these nurseries were Ofsted-approved to take four-year-olds.

Overall, weaknesses were found in almost half the nurseries inspected. A staggering one in four had weakness in mathematics, and one in five had weaknesses in language and literacy. The early evidence suggests that the quality of nursery education offered to children under the voucher scheme is too low.

Yesterday *the Government made* its first announcements on nursery education. The Government will build on the examples of excellence in the private; public and voluntary sectors. It will replace the nursery voucher scheme and use the money wasted on the bureaucratic vouchers to provide a high quality nursery place for all four-year-olds and start to develop places for three-year-olds. I hope it will go further to build a comprehensive, integrated approach to children in their early years, bringing together childcare and nursery education.

This makes sense in today's world. Though some mothers stay at home, more and more are having to work, often part-time. They need greater flexibility than is offered by traditional nursery education. Equally, we know that 50 per cent of a child's intellectual development occurs before the age of five, which shows that investing in the early years is crucial.

So the Government needs to pursue a range of initiatives. *In the manifesto,* we said we would create early excellence centres in every region of the country, modelled on good practice such as that of the Margaret McMillan nursery. The centres will provide a practical demonstration for further development, bringing together in one place nursery education and childcare for children up to the age of five.

They will provide other services depending on local needs — from support to parents, to childcare information networks, to training for childminders, to healthcare facilities. They can be funded by *redirecting resources, attracting* new European finance available for this purpose and by money generated from income-related childcare payments.

Bringing together childcare and education involves more than the early excellence centres. We need to improve the support and training for childminders. We need to work in partnership with the private and voluntary sector to expand places and enhance quality. We need one statutory framework, consistent in all sectors for standards, registration and inspection.

But most importantly, we all know that parents are a child's first and enduring educators. That is why we need a series of measures to support parents — from reviewing the roles of health visitors and nurses, to parenting classes for teenagers and home-school contracts.

Labour's plans are both visionary and practical. Unlike the vouchers, they are based on pragmatic good sense. The legacy we have inherited is poor, and realising our plans will take time. But providing our young children with the best possible start is vital to all our futures.

● *The author is MP for Barking.*

A testing time for all parents

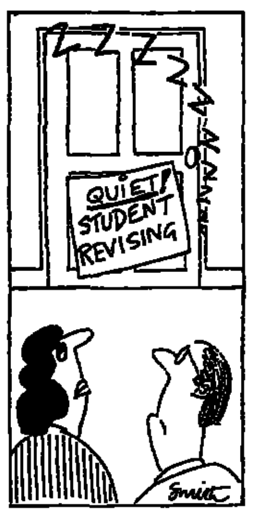
Teenagers plus exams equals one big headache, says **Judy Astley**

Study leave: if there was ever an oxymoron, this is it. A nation of examination candidates has effectively packed up school, signed each other's uniforms and been sent home to revise for GCSEs.

What an opportunity for self-organised, down-to-it hard work. I can just imagine the party in the staff room. It is matched by the parties held by pupils who, if they know nothing else about maths, have long since worked out that Leave = Time Off.

I have a 16-year-old. I have seen another through A levels. I know that if History Paper One does not start until 2.30pm, there will be no need for the duvet to shift before lunchtime.

I work from home and am envied for being on-site to gee up their efforts. This *is more demanding* than any paid job. Through bloody-minded persistence, I can make sure that the bed is vacated at a respectable hour. But there follows the longest time a teenager ever spent in the shower, five morale-boosting phone calls to friends (which do not include the words "revision" or "work"), breakfast (at midday), a feverish hunt for missing biology notes (lent to Sam), frantic drive to said Sam's, break for *Neighbours* ("Mum, we've been told to take some time off") and so on.



Parents marooned in distant workplaces have only the phone with which to nag and plead. I am told of a QC adjourning to the robing room, pacing the floor *with a mobile and hissing:* "Jemima, will you *please* just get up." Corporate AGMs in vast conference centres are interrupted by offspring demanding the whereabouts of the Marmite and asking whether they can borrow a couple of quid until Thursday. If you phone mid-afternoon, they will have gone to the town centre to "look something up in the library". It will take three hours, involve meeting half the class, and they will return with CDs and a heavy smell of cigarettes. When they have actually stayed in, "slaving" over maths papers, the fridge will be stripped. There will be 17 drinks cans lying around and an assortment of friends gathered in front of a computer running a violent cartoon battle. *Come* evening, a diligent parent may try to pull the traditional "No you can't go out — it's only two days until physics." The teenager will sullenly clear dishes from the table and make a noisy attempt at washing them. There will be sighs that neighbours three streets away can hear and an unusually generous offer to take *the dog for* a walk. It is naive and foolish to accept this offer. The dog will be taken to a steamy club and either tethered for safekeeping to a car or admitted to the premises from which it will come home drunk and be sick on the stairs.

As the exams start, support from the whole family may be required. A wan face bent over a heap of text books is irresistible when it requests a cup of tea. "How *many* sugars?" you ask and it roars "WHAT?" because it can't hear above Skunk Anansie pounding through headphones.

Exams over, parents revert to their traditional function of providing food, shelter, transport and cash. Then, towards mid-*August the nation's exam candi*dates, just like turtles responding to the moon's call to the beach, become sweet, thoughtful and loving. This is called insurance, otherwise known as Love Me, Love My Results.

Good luck to all candidates; my sincere sympathy to their families.

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Cambridge once again heads the *The Times* league table. **John O'Leary**, the Education Editor, assesses this year's results

World leader: Cambridge has the best record in the assessments of teaching carried out by leading academics for the three funding councils

The Light Blues lengthen their academic lead

Nothing seems to shift Cambridge from the top of our university league table. A new round of assessment and changes in the indicators used to compile *The Times* ranking have caused plenty of movement further down the table, but have only served to widen the Light *Blues' lead over Oxford.*

The two ancient universities *remain* close together: a gap of only 19 points out of 1,000 spread across eight aspects of campus life confirms that there are more similarities than differences between them. But Cambridge topped *four of the individual rankings* to Oxford's two.

Most significantly, Cambridge had the best record in the assessments of teaching *carried out by leading academics* for the three funding councils. Although not yet complete, the assessments cover a sufficiently wide range of subjects to present a fair reflection of each university. As the main activity in undergraduate education, this has been given the highest weighting in this year's table.

The two traditional rivals are inseparable in terms of entry requirements, but Cambridge topped the research category, which is the other indicator to be given a high weighting this year. Oxford won more top ratings in last December's research ratings, *but was overhauled because* Cambridge entered more of its *academics for assessment.*

Only Surrey and Imperial College London managed to *break the Oxbridge stranglehold*. Surrey confirmed a long-standing reputation as an employers' favourite by topping the table for graduate destinations, while Imperial again registered the best staffing levels.

At the head of the table, Warwick and Durham both move up three places. But *Glasgow Caledonian's climb* of 28 positions is the most *spectacular this year*, followed closely by Keele's 25-place rise. Both have registered much higher scores for staffing and library spending.

As last year, Oxford Brookes was the highest-placed new *university, in 56th place*. However, still none of the former *polytechnics can match the* traditional universities, where the standard of many facilities reflect the preferential funding they enjoyed before the higher education system was unified in 1992. Lincolnshire and *Humberside* remain at the foot of the table, partly because *some of the data in the table* reflects the university's transition to a split-site institution. The most up-to-date information possible has been used, but the guide's production schedule meant that some *recently published* statistics could not be included.

The indicators used to compile the overall ranking of universities have been completely reviewed since last year, in consultation with a number of academics and university administrators. *Overseas students* have been dropped as a category in the table because it was felt that their numbers had become as much a measure of recruitment activity and location as of international reputation.

The value-added measure has been suspended because *of difficulties in its calculation*. Like student completion rates, which had to be dropped last year because of inadequate data, it is hoped to restore the indicator in 1998.

One unavoidable consequence of the extra emphasis on funding council assessments has been *to exclude* Buckingham University from *the exercise. Buckingham is* well regarded academically and compares favourably with others for graduate employment, *accommodation, staffing* levels and library spending. As a private university, however, Buckingham's departments are not assessed and it is impossible to produce a rating.

As in *previous* years, other famous names, such as Cranfield University and the London Business School, are also absent from the ranking because they are wholly or predominantly postgraduate institutions. The Open University is omitted because it *restricts itself to distance* education.

In order to keep it to a manageable size, the guide also omits the many colleges which run degree courses. The Dearing report, which is due out in July, will look again at the status of university colleges, several of which have registered notable successes in the official assessments of teaching quality. For the moment, however, our rankings are confined to institutions with full university status.

Like the rest of the material published in this week's university guide, *the table will* remain available in the *Internet edition of The Times* (web address: http://www.the-times.co.uk). A special *Information Times* section, which also includes links to last year's tables, will provide easy access to the data.

Fuller information and advice on applications is con*tained in the paperback book, The Times Good University Guide*, published by HarperCollins. Some scores have been updated since the book went to press, and subsequent editions will contain the rankings published here.

The table is intended as a starting point for students considering higher education, *giving a broad indication of a* university's standing. However, such an exercise cannot give a definitive picture of an institution, and the component parts should provide scope for more detailed investigation.

In spite of the economies forced on universities in recent years, British higher education is held in high esteem internationally, with some institutions recognised as world leaders.

A report this week by the Institute for Fiscal Studies *found no slackening in the* financial benefits of higher education. Men with a degree earned 15 per cent more than others of similar intelligence and family background, while female graduates earned 35 per cent more than their less-qualified counterparts.

> 'Nothing seems to shift Cambridge from the top'

THE TIMES 1997 LEAGUE TABLE
HOW THE UNIVERSITIES SCORED

		Teaching assessment (2.5)	Research (1.5)	Entry grades (1)	Staff-student ratios (1)	Library spending (1)	Firsts and 2:1s (1)	Graduate destinations (1)	Accommodation (1)	1997 score Max 1000
	(Weight)									
1	Cambridge	100	100	100	87	84	100	82	96	946
2	Oxford	91	96	100	86	100	88	98	91	93[illegible]
3	Imperial	93	85	79	100	88	72	94	67	85[illegible]
4	LSE	92	96	85	82	81	78	80	68	849
5	Warwick	94	85	71	69	72	82	81	86	827
6	York	89	79	71	69	71	78	73	89	810
7	UCL	89	97	[illegible]	99	71	77	74	63	804
8	St Andrews	90	72	71	59	69	81	88	100	793
9	Durham	85	72	79	69	71	73	78	76	786
10	Edinburgh	85	79	79	67	73	90	82	55	777
11	Bristol	80	72	71	78	72	81	76	70	754
12	Lancaster	81	79	71	58	70	82	69	80	753
13	Nottingham	79	69	71	75	69	84	78	72	749
14	Bath	72	76	78	65	71	76	86	67	744
15	King's College	78	69	71	91	69	72	73	64	740
16	Sheffield	86	79	71	58	67	72	69	70	738
17	Manchester	79	74	[illegible]	82	71	86	77	71	735
18	Birmingham	77	69	73	59	71	74	75	68	733
19	Southampton	81	86	71	58	71	67	80	68	730
20	Essex	70	76	71	98	70	78	77	76	728
21	Reading	66	87	73	78	69	78	82	71	72[illegible]
22	Newcastle	68	84	74	86	72	69	72	71	70[illegible]
23	Glasgow	79	58	73	63	71	76	86	62	70[illegible]
24	UMIST	64	78	73	74	87	84	76	73	69[illegible]
25	Keele	62	61	73	72	84	77	85	80	69[illegible]
26=	East Anglia	84	69	73	65	47	83	87	70	689
	Surrey	84	61	64	57	85	59	100	80	689
28	Royal Holloway	71	68	79	51	66	74	76	71	688
29	Aberdeen	74	61	66	54	71	79	72	69	687
30=	Stirling	89	56	64	55	69	62	76	77	685
	Leicester	70	66	64	70	70	66	86	72	685
32	Hull	74	56	64	60	69	85	29	78	68[illegible]
33	Loughborough	68	69	71	[illegible]	65	74	78	80	68[illegible]
34	Cardiff	69	71	71	52	72	65	72	69	68[illegible]
35	Dundee	64	55	54	87	78	85	75	63	68[illegible]
36	Leeds	74	70	71	59	70	73	45	69	677
37	Exeter	89	58	64	66	66	76	69	73	676
38	Liverpool	73	51	71	59	66	62	70	59	67[illegible]
39=	Queen's, Belfast	74	62	71	55	67	68	82	58	665
	Sussex	64	74	71	52	73	71	59	69	665
41	Swansea	66	53	71	[illegible]	[illegible]	66	72	71	66[illegible]
42	Kent	82	58	71	[illegible]	70	69	[illegible]	73	65[illegible]
43	Strathclyde	83	58	64	62	64	82	82	56	657
44	Aston	59	52	71	62	[illegible]	80	[illegible]	72	65[illegible]
45=	City	69	[illegible]	[illegible]	60	85	88	84	86	64[illegible]
	Queen Mary and Westfield	77	80	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	85	58	64[illegible]
47	Bangor	76	46	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	73	64[illegible]
48	Heriot-Watt	68	52	50	62	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	63[illegible]
49	Aberystwyth	84	55	64	58	69	60	58	80	63[illegible]
50	London Goldsmiths	59	64	64	70	66	70	50	84	62[illegible]
51	Brunel	69	51	64	40	68	62	86	77	62[illegible]
52	Lampeter	53	52	80	[illegible]	66	65	77	76	59[illegible]
53	Bradford	46	62	67	60	[illegible]	[illegible]	79	65	584
54	Ulster	66	36	64	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	70	55	582
55	Salford	47	31	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	82	77	568
56	Oxford Brookes	69	62	[illegible]	58	[illegible]	56	70	62	559
57	Northumbria at Newcastle	66	11	[illegible]	88	65	59	68	55	531
58	Robert Gordon	63	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	65	66	85	62	529
59	Sheffield Hallam	57	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	58	76	55	522
60	West of England, Bristol	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	57	57	62	521
61	Portsmouth	[illegible]	[illegible]	50	[illegible]	62	68	60	57	520
62	Hertfordshire	51	14	[illegible]	[illegible]	66	55	73	62	503
63	Plymouth	59	22	50	[illegible]	82	67	34	59	501
64	Nottingham Trent	54	16	39	[illegible]	80	64	75	57	500
65=	Brighton	53	[illegible]	48	[illegible]	[illegible]	66	49	56	499
	Coventry	67	15	36	[illegible]	64	50	62	59	499
67	Glasgow Caledonian	69	13	36	[illegible]	61	57	68	52	495
68	Anglia	62	8	49	84	64	58	47	53	494
69	Greenwich	59	13	43	55	68	46	46	62	487
70=	Kingston	60	15	38	[illegible]	62	58	55	60	484
	Central England in Birmingham	51	11	43	60	66	49	66	55	484
72	Napier	57	8	29	86	64	50	85	55	483
73=	Huddersfield	50	16	49	54	63	52	60	59	481
	De Montfort	48	22	43	52	61	59	56	57	481
75=	Manchester Metropolitan	57	16	48	62	62	57	43	56	480
	Liverpool John Moores	46	16	43	51	82	54	77	54	480
	North London	50	16	49	50	83	58	65	52	480
78	Westminster	52	15	48	82	65	68	32	55	477
79	Teesside	49	8	39	58	68	59	64	57	475
80	Central Lancashire	54	6	43	46	69	58	54	58	469
81=	Thames Valley	54	4	29	75	83	52	54	51	464
	Glamorgan	62	5	36	48	64	53	41	56	464
83	Middlesex	45	18	49	38	69	65	59	56	463
84	Leeds Metropolitan	47	9	43	56	62	60	58	50	460
85	Wolverhampton	55	8	48	48	60	50	60	57	459
86	Abertay, Dundee	55	11	36	58	64	37	58	60	457
87	Derby	49	9	38	51	62	66	49	60	44[illegible]
88	Staffordshire	43	13	36	42	62	58	62	58	44[illegible]
89=	Paisley	60	7	14	48	62	49	58	57	44[illegible]
	East London	55	16	21	43	83	58	40	55	44[illegible]
91	Bournemouth	44	6	45	49	65	58	58	54	44[illegible]
92	Sunderland	46	13	36	35	65	58	47	58	43[illegible]
93	South Bank	46	11	43	58	60	48	38	53	43[illegible]
94	London Guildhall	58	12	[illegible]	46	68	49	27	55	42[illegible]
95	Luton	49	8	27	37	60	38	59	61	40[illegible]
96	Lincolnshire and Humberside	40	6	38	37	60	58	39	64	40[illegible]

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How rankings are decided

THE OVERALL ranking of universities *is compiled entirely from* published statistics. Placings are *determined by a "poll of polls", in* which the results from the eight indicators are converted into a points score and aggregated.

Data was supplied by the Higher Education Statistics Agency on staffing levels, accommodation, degree classifications and graduate employment. These figures relate to 1994-95, the most up-to-date statistics available when the deadline passed for the compilation of *The Times Good University Guide*.

The other sources of information are the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service (for entry grades), the Standing Conference of *National and University Libraries* (for library spending), and the three higher education funding councils for the teaching and research assessment. None of the organisations was involved in aggregating or manipulating the data, and are not responsible for any inferences or conclusions drawn from the statistics.

The ranking was compiled by Dr Bernard Kingston, Dr Andrew Hindmarsh and Professor Bob Loynes, university experts in careers, admissions and statistics. The top university in each element of the table is awarded 100 points, with the *remainder receiving a proportion* based on their unadjusted score.

Scores for teaching and research have been weighted to reflect their importance in undergraduate education. The teaching scores above are multiplied by 2.5 and those for research by 1.5.

The teaching scores represent an average of the grades awarded by funding council assessors. The separate councils for Scotland, Wales and England (which also covers the two universities in Northern Ireland) now all use different grading systems. For the purpose of this exercise, English departments awarded 22 points or more were regarded as "excellent", while 20 points became the equivalent of *Scotland's "highly satisfactory"* grade.

Similarly, the research scores represent an average of the grades awarded in the 1996 Research Assessment Exercise. *In order to give a* complete picture of departments, the ranking is based on the average grade for all staff, not just those entered for assessment.

The entry grades used are the median requirement in a range of mainstream subjects published in the Ucas guide for entry in 1997. Staff/student ratios are based on all academic staff and full-time equivalent student numbers for courses other than those franchised to other institutions. *Library spending* is also calculated per student.

For the first time, the indicator for degree classifications includes b firsts and upper-seconds. The inten tion is to iron out differences i awarding policies between univesi ties. The basis of calculation o graduate employment has als changed this year because the pro portion of unknown destinations was not released. The ranking is *based on the proportion of hqne students taking up employment o going on to further study.*

The figure for accommodaton *represents the proportion of students* in residential accommodation maintained by the university concerned. The HESA acknowledged that its first year of data contained a number of anomalies, and this appied particularly to accommodaton. Some changes were agreed with universities after the paperback ver sion of the guide went to press.

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Details of subject grading

TWO errors appeared in the 23 subject rankings published on Tuesday and Wednesday: Reading University was omitted from the Italian table and Essex from law.

Reading's Italian department, which was graded 5 for research and scored 20 for teaching, should have appeared in equal seventh place in the subject table.

Essex should have appeared in place of Sussex University in fifteenth place for law, having achieved a Grade 5 for research and been rated excellent for teaching.

Twelve of the subject tables were based on grades awarded by the English, Scottish and Welsh funding councils.

Only results from England were available for anthropology, chemical engineering and linguistics. In geology, just the English and Scottish assessments were complete.

Assessments in Scotland were not available in a number of subjects so Scottish universities were not included in the tables for French, German, English, Iberian Studies, Italian, Russian and Social Policy.

Eight computing departments were named as excellent for teaching. There are five more: Southampton, Exeter, Kent, Swansea and Teesside.

In on the ground floor

David Charter on the reasons for the popularity of a politics course

Sir Edward Heath, left, and Clare Short, right, have hosted students. Chris Leslie MP, centre, is a graduate

The chance to spend four months working with an American congressman and a further four months with an MP have helped to make a politics course at Leeds University one of the most oversubscribed in Britain.

More than 300 people applied for nine places on the politics and parliamentary studies course, a ratio far above the national average of 5.5 applications for politics course places.

The four-year course includes a placement with an MP's office at Westminster and a similar position in Washington, DC, attached to the Catholic University of America, or the Canadian Parliament, with Carleton University in Ottawa. Students have landed placements with a range of leading politicians, from Tony Blair, MP, to Sir Edward Heath, MP.

Chris Leslie, MP, who graduated three years ago, became the course's first alumni MP, and Parliament's youngest, when he won Shipley for Labour. Other graduates end up on the fast track in the media, local government and political consultancies. Mr Leslie's placement in Westminster was with Gordon Brown, MP, now the Chancellor of the Exchequer. "I did a lot of paper-pushing as well as more in-depth research for him," he says. "It was hard work, but so worthwhile. It shows you how the system works. I am 24, but I am not a novice because I know how Parliament works."

Ed Gouge, the course tutor, tasted politics as a councillor on the former Greater London Council and studied for his Masters in European politics at the London School of Economics, before joining the politics department at Leeds.

The popularity of the course and high calibre of applicants makes selecting the lucky nine an ordeal. "After going through all the applications seven or eight times, we interview about 20 for the nine places," Mr Gouge says.

The first hurdle is A-level grades — applicants must be predicted at least three Bs. Last year 80 candidates were forecast three As. Secondly, Mr Gouge wants personality. Introverts would find it tough organising their own placement in the Canadian Parliament. "The third factor is whether they have been involved in organisations such as a political party or something like Greenpeace or local voluntary groups," he says. "We are now getting quite a few people who have already done a period of work shadowing an MP. They also have to demonstrate a day-to-day interest in politics. Finally, we like to get a balance of men and women and people nationwide."

The limited number of places will increase in October when the course takes its first five students to study Russian politics.

The opportunities are amazing, a fact not lost on current fourth-year students. Hannah Morgan, 21, with two As and a C at A level, spent four months in Washington, DC, with a congresswoman and has just finished a placement with Clare Short, MP.

"I did some work for the local Labour Party, but I think I got a place on the course just because of my enthusiasm for politics," she says. "With Clare Short, I was doing everything from answering the phone to constituency casework with her policy researcher. It helps you to learn how the system works and gives you so much experience before you graduate."

Jay Dossetter, 21, spent his third year in Ottawa and then in the office of Sir Edward Heath. "I don't know why they chose me for the course. I am probably more right-wing in my politics than the others and was the only one who wanted to work with a Tory, although they did not expressly say that was a factor. I was not involved directly in politics before and all I had done was edit the school magazine."

POPULAR SUBJECTS

Table shows the ratio of applications to acceptances in 1996 for the most oversubscribed subjects

Subject	Ratio
Junior school education	15.4:1
Journalism	14.5:1
Pre-clinical dentistry	14.5:1
Cinematics	12.3:1
Veterinary science	12.9:1
Pre-clinical medicine	12.2:1
Nursery/infant education	11.0:1
Fine arts	10.7:1
Nursing	10.3:1
Pharmacy	10.3:1
All-subject average	6.8:1

St Andrews turns the tables on Edinburgh

CHANGING PLACES

CONSISTENT all-round performances from the leading universities in the English provinces (excluding London and Oxbridge), in Scotland and among the former polytechnics give the tables a familiar look this year.

However, while many of the institutions in the respective top tens remain the same, there are some notable changes. In Scotland, the ascendancy of St Andrews continues. Britain's third most ancient university has pipped Edinburgh for top spot.

St Andrews owes its position to the best score for student accommodation, as well as a strong performance in teaching.

Edinburgh performed better for research, with 47 per cent of work graded 5 or better compared with 29 per cent at St Andrews.

Glasgow Caledonian rises from 95th in the main table to 67th — the highest rise overall — because of improved scores for accommodation, library spending and staff/student ratios.

Warwick reasserts its place at the top of the provincial table ahead of York, which held top spot last year. York has the highest provincial rating for teaching and Warwick the highest for research.

Warwick entered 98 per cent of all academic staff for the Research Assessment Exercise and half of its *research activity* was judged to be grade 5 or 5*.

Lancaster's good showing for research, with 44 per cent of work graded a 5 or 5*, helped it from tenth to fifth place in the provincial table. Sheffield enters the provincial top ten, helped by its strong record for undergraduate teaching.

Oxford Brookes confirms its place as the top new university, helped by the joint highest marks among former polytechnics for research and the second highest for teaching. Oxford Brookes entered almost half of its academic staff for research assessment, a feat bettered only by De Montfort, and two-thirds of those gained a grade 3 or better.

Kingston falls from second to twelfth place among the new universities and is replaced in second place by Northumbria, which recorded the second best score for staff/student ratios and fourth best for teaching. The University of the West of England rose from tenth last time to fifth, thanks to the best performance in teaching of any new university.

DAVID CHARTER

THE TOP TENS

NEW UNIVERSITIES

1	Oxford Brookes (1)
2	Northumbria (6)
3	Robert Gordon (6)
4	Sheffield Hallam (4)
5	West of England (10)
6	Portsmouth (8)
7	Hertfordshire (10)
8	Plymouth (8)
9	Nottingham Trent (10)
10=	Brighton (10), Coventry (3)

ENGLISH PROVINCIALS

1	Warwick (2)
2	York (1)
3	Durham (5)
4	Bristol (2)
5	Lancaster (10)
6	Nottingham (2)
7	Bath (5)
8	Sheffield (11)
9	Manchester (5)
10	Birmingham (10)

SCOTTISH UNIVERSITIES

1	St Andrews (1)
2	Edinburgh (1)
3	Glasgow (3)
4	Aberdeen (6)
5	Stirling (5)
6	Dundee (4)
7	Strathclyde (7)
8	Heriot-Watt (8)
9	Robert Gordon (9)
10	Glasgow Caledonian (13)

Last year's positions in brackets

When access is an issue

HELP FOR DISABLED STUDENTS

The best university in the world is no help to the student who cannot make use of its facilities. That is why the universities of Bath, Bristol and the West of England are establishing a £254,000 Regional Access Centre for disabled people this summer.

The main centre will be based at the West of England's main campus, in Bristol. This will also co-ordinate services for wheelchair-bound and visually impaired students studying at any of the three partner universities. A satellite centre at Bristol University will co-ordinate services for the deaf, while Bath will concentrate on meeting the needs of dyslexic students.

Leila Edwards, Bath's dean of students, says: "Though we have no conclusive figures to illustrate the extent of dyslexia at this university, we believe that about 70 students are affected each year. Part of the centre's task will be to make academic staff more aware of dyslexia. If tutors find that they have students with high IQs who are under-performing in reading, spelling or short-term memory skills, they can refer them to the centre."

Another of the access centre's objectives is to establish joint research into disability needs throughout all three universities. But the expertise available at the centre will not be limited to the three universities' staff and students.

Sandie Cusack, the West of England's project co-ordinator, says: "We also intend to offer our services to disabled sixth-formers in the area. Assessments could help them to choose a suitable university. For example, a hearing-impaired student requiring sign-language interpretation would be encouraged to choose a university where that facility is available, such as Bristol." The access centre has received inaugural funding from the Higher Education Funding Council for England.

All three universities hope to complete each assessment within a fortnight of a student coming forward to seek help.

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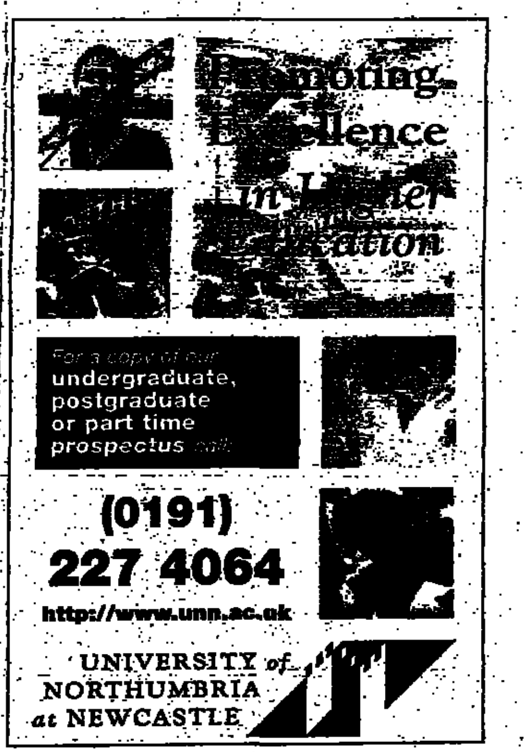
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Body with strength in numbers

Robert Bruce on how a group grew to boast 25,000 members

Hannah Tonge, right, teaches accounts to Abu Aisha. Ms Tonge's work at the Manchester Deaf Centre earned her this year's AAT Past President's Award

The Association of Accounting Technicians (AAT) is one of the great achievements of the British accounting profession. It provides both an examination system and professional backup for anyone who wants to make a career in the second tier of accountancy work — from bookkeeper to financial manager. Its 25,000 members work everywhere from large accounting firms to small companies.

The success of the AAT can be measured in its member and student numbers. When it was formed in 1980, as a result of merging the profession's two existing second-tier bodies, it had about 18,000 students and 5,000 members. Now it has more than 61,000 students and recently gained its 25,000th member.

But its greatest achievement lies in providing people with an opportunity they otherwise would not have. In 1980 the two main professional bodies that trained accounting technicians got together and showed how far-sighted the accounting profession can be. The late Eric Sayers, president of the English Institute of Chartered Accountants, and Edmund Gibbs, one of the greatest of the presidents of the Certified Accountants, set up the AAT in the recognition that it made no sense at all for there to be different qualifications for accounting staff. They recognised people wanting to gain a qualification at the accounting support staff level would be helped immeasurably if there was one universally recognised qualification. They believed such a structure would help to build a strong professional body which would establish post-qualification training systems.

It also provided a qualification route and a strong professional body for accounting support staff around the world. It has added to this in recent years by allying its qualifications to the National Vocational Qualifications (NVQ) scheme and with developing the idea of a Modern Apprenticeship in Accounting.

Since the beginning of this year, appropriately qualified self-employed fellow members of the AAT have been approved to act as "reporting accountants" under the Department of Trade and Industry's crusade to free small companies from the burden of a full audit.

There is still much growth ahead. The AAT has to create more ways in which students can train, either on their own or within the organisations for which they work. And there are, as John Newman, the AAT's president, says, many more people who would benefit from what the association has to offer.

"I believe that there are many more opportunities for accounting technicians in the workplace," he says. The advent of a Modern Apprenticeship in Accounting will mean the AAT can provide the NVQs and accreditation to lead towards that goal.

Equally, the AAT is looking at specialist training needs. As the Treasury pilots the scheme to turn the British Civil Service from relatively primitive cash accounting methods to the same sort of accrual accounting principles the rest of the world has been using for generations, it must ensure that such a change goes through as smoothly as possible.

Also, the AAT is helping to train middle managers in budgeting and costing, and has created a joint certificate with the Treasury for such training. According to Jane Scott Paul, the AAT's secretary: "Many other government departments are now interested in developing similar schemes."

Such initiatives also exist in other broader areas of the profession. "There is," says Miss Scott Paul, "an opportunity for specialised training."

One challenge the AAT faces is the recent announcement by one of its founder bodies, the Chartered Association of Certified Accountants, that it would set up its own competing qualification. Its announcement surprised the profession, but the view is that the AAT has the strength to prevail in any future competition for members.

"I am confident that we will overcome," says John Newman in his president's report this year.

From truncheons to spreadsheets

Crime statistics were no substitute for Anne Gascoigne's love of accounting, says **Rodney Hobson**

HARRISON COWLEY

Anne Gascoigne recalls her days in the police force

ANNE GASCOIGNE could not make up her mind whether she wanted to be a policewoman or an accountant. Short of joining the fraud squad, it was difficult to combine the two and, for a time, the police won.

"It could have gone either way, but I joined the police cadets at the age of 16," she says. "It seems more attractive, more exciting, when you are young."

Now Mrs Gascoigne, who has two sons aged nine and five, looks after the accounts for a primary school in Grantham, Lincolnshire. After taking a three-year course at Grantham College, she became the 25,000th member of the Association of Accounting Technicians.

Mrs Gascoigne comes from Gainsborough, northwest Lincolnshire. With eight GCEs, she could have continued her studies instead of joining the police. However, she made the grade as a cadet and after two years she became a fully fledged policewoman, serving at Skegness and then Boston, where she met her husband Nigel, also a constable.

After spending seven years in the police force, Mrs Gascoigne had her first son and took her first step into the business world. "I ran my own business with a knitting machine, designing and making clothes," she says. "It was a very small-scale cottage industry, but it got me interested in accounting again."

The clothes venture came to an end when Mr Gascoigne was posted to Grantham, but when their second child was six months old, a new opportunity arose. "A friend asked me to go with her to an open evening at the college," she says. "I went along and signed up for a three-year accountancy course. I had the option of just doing the first year, so I thought I would play it by ear. My younger son was a year old."

THE first year comprised a one-day release course from 9am-8.30pm. "Although the college had good crèche facilities, I did not want to put my son in to start with as he was so young," says Mrs Gascoigne. "Because my husband worked shifts, he was able to look after him most of the time, and my husband's parents helped us." The course was intended for people who were working and in the third year Mrs Gascoigne found a part-time job that provided an opportunity to put what she was learning at college into practice. "You really needed to be in a work environment," she says. "It was only a very small company but it made the course a lot easier."

Mrs Gascoigne is now school secretary at Gonerby Hill Primary School, Grantham, where more than half her job involves a knowledge of accounts. Much as she enjoys her work, she may take up her accountancy studies again. "Accountancy is in my blood. I am itching to do more, but I will have to wait until my younger son is older."

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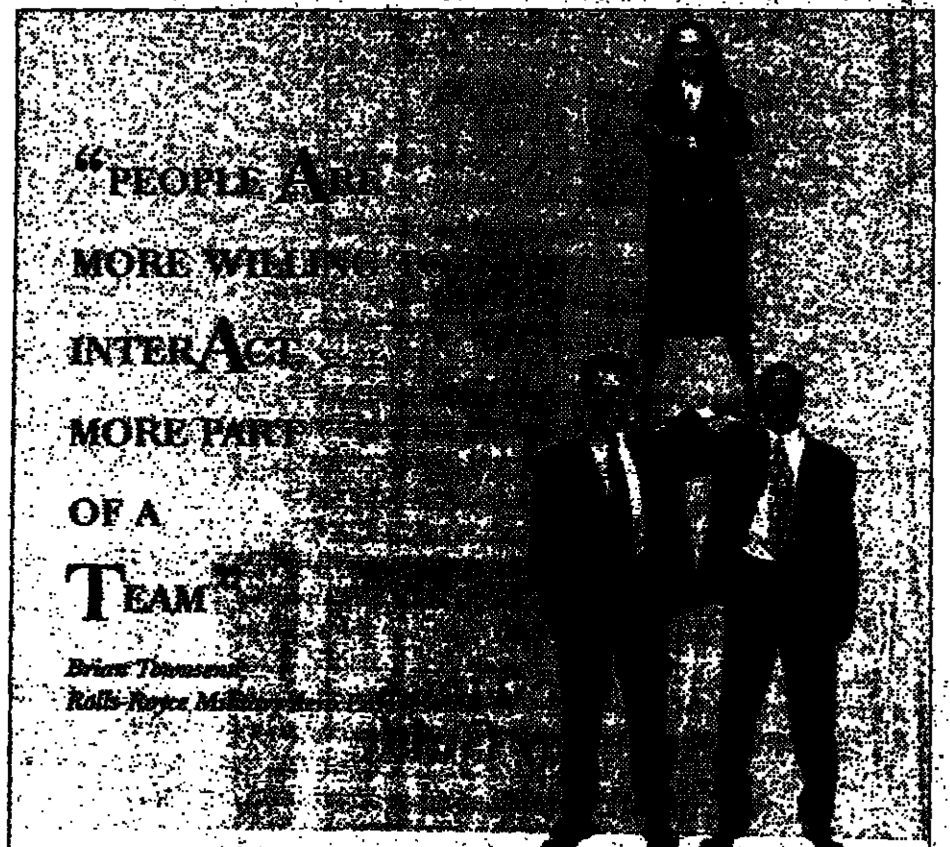

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Transformed by the digital revolution

Every aspect of accountancy has seen dramatic changes in recent years thanks to tax and computers

Accountancy now is a far cry from the early Eighties when the chartered bodies decided to set up the Association of Accounting Technicians, claims John Newman, who completes his year of office as president of the AAT today, *Rodney Hobson writes*.

The chartered bodies merged their competing accounting technicians' qualifications because the numbers taking each examination at that time were uneconomic.

"About ten years ago a personal computer on every desk was a futurologist's dream, but now it is commonplace," Mr Newman says. "This is just one example of how the framework of business is changing. The role of the accountant and the accounting technician has also changed. There are no ledgers any more, no punchcard systems. Even the smallest business is effectively computerised.

"There has also been a change in the nature of business and commerce. There has been a wholesale shift to quality service that has affected the nature and type of accountant and accounting technician.

"There is a greater degree of sophistication. The roles and the divisions between jobs have altered. The old clerk entering figures has disappeared. The ability to run accounting systems is needed in small and medium enterprises."

John Newman: sophistication

Mr Newman, a chartered accountant, was previously a tax expert with Cooper Brothers, (now Coopers & Lybrand), and is now with Smith and Williamson. He was nominated by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales to the AAT council and, with a foot in both camps, can take an objective view.

He sees the AAT qualifications as more "student friendly" than the chartered accountancy examinations. "We do not set a classical exam. The idea that there is a constant source of knowledge that is the same now as it always was may be true of ancient Greek, but not of accounting. There has been a big change with the impact of computerisation.

"Reading a balance sheet or understanding a profit-and-loss statement are still the same, but a lot of things you would have learnt in the past are now completely redundant. Tax is a great stimulant to going forward. It could be that after the next Budget everything you knew is thrown out of the window."

Mr Newman says there is a wide mix of entrants to the AAT: Some go straight from school to take up modern apprenticeships and pursue their NVQ qualifications through further education colleges. Many are graduates whose degree may not be in accounting. They want to occupy a senior position and are seeking relevant qualifications.

He argues that the AAT approach is more successful than taking graduates with relevant degrees and setting them on the road to becoming chartered accountants.

"With graduates there is a high wastage rate. Some just can't take it. A degree is a test of how much knowledge you have gained rather than how you perform in the workplace," he says.

"We test people on their competence to do the job. Our members have experience within an accounting context and if they go on to take chartered accountant's exams they do better at passing than Oxbridge graduates. About a third of our members go into a chartered body."

Mr Newman believes that vocational training can only increase in importance. He says: "We must take the skills we have developed in NVQs in accounting and apply these to related areas so that we become a major influence in the financial sector.

"Liaison with employers is crucial to maintaining the relevance of our role. The presidential meetings I have held this year have been an excellent way of finding out what employers want and explaining how the AAT can help. We have been successful in gaining the support of several major employers, but there is much more that we could do."

The Ministry of Defence has introduced AAT training in Hampshire. From left, students Beryl Vickers, Jonathan Davies, manager Barry Miller and Lt-Col Ron Rosenhead

Students who add up to a growth industry

Rodney Hobson looks at a practical accounting course

TRAINING courses for accounting technicians are a rapidly growing industry.

"This is one of the fastest-growing areas of all accountancy courses in terms of numbers enrolling," says Dean Cassar, director of AAT (Association of Accounting Technicians) studies at Accountancy Tuition Centre, a leading finance training company. Its students include accountants who are training to qualify as certified accountants.

"We run all styles of courses nationally and internationally and a lot of them, such as AAT and NVQ courses, are not geared to formal examinations. They are industry-based. What we are seeing now in the accountancy profession is a need to train people to carry out functions in the workplace rather than just the theoretical part of accountancy. They need to be able to prepare an invoice or a cashbook. These are practical skills for people who will not get to be finance directors, but who will be good accountants, solid and well-trained."

The AAT offers four options to suit companies of different sizes. If sufficient numbers of trainees are involved, employers can form a partnership with a local college or training centre. The college provides the tuition and the workplace provides on-the-job training. The organisation's accounting systems can be used in the training.

The AAT suggests that the best option for an organisation where only one or two members of staff need training is to send them on a day-release or evening course.

An alternative is to join forces with other offices in the same company or with a group of similar organisations. Costs can be shared and the employers can maintain control of the tuition and assessment of staff. Where larger numbers of staff are involved, an organisation can become an approved assessment centre, giving staff full training while at work.

Trinity House Lighthouse Service, which is responsible for the lighthouses along the coasts of England, Wales and the Channel Islands, was one of the first AAT-approved assessment centres. Gerry Callen, financial controller, says: "The need for in-house training became apparent when several staff expressed a desire to qualify professionally as accounting technicians. We were delighted by their enthusiasm, but could not let nearly a quarter of the staff attend college on day-release." Trinity House now has 12 members of staff training on the AAT scheme.

Mr Cassar says those trainees who have the full backing of their company attend on day release. Those who take evening or weekend courses tend to have financial backing, but are not allowed time off to study. A few finance themselves and study in their own time.

"Employers are becoming more enlightened, but not as quickly as I would have liked," he says. "Employers are still coming to us saying that they want to help their staff to train, but they do not understand what is involved or how NVQs work. There is still a long way to go."

Team spirit is par for the course

Coopers & Lybrand is delighted with the performance of its AAT recruits

Coopers and Lybrand, as one of the "big six" firms of accountants in the country, employing nearly 10,000 people, has traditionally been a major employer of chartered accountants, *writes Rodney Hobson*.

However, in September 1994, non-qualified recruits were taken on for the first time and were offered training opportunities to undertake the AAT training scheme.

This initiative, taken by the Midlands region, led to the recruitment of qualified accounting technicians in 1996.

Sarah Decent, the human resources manager for the Midlands region at Coopers, says: "We found the technicians performed extremely well. The AAT qualification provides a solid accountancy foundation with the core skills we require. The accounting technicians perfectly complement our chartered accountancy staff and are a valuable support both internally and at our *client sites*."

Sarah Decent: enthusiastic

Coopers has so far taken on 13 qualified technicians. The first intake joined last September and a second batch joined a month later. More recruits will be joining next month, and Coopers intends to take on seven trainees in September.

The Midlands initiative has been so successful that it is being adopted nationwide. Keith Anderson, a partner at Coopers, told a presentation for employers in Nottingham: "In today's market, every organisation is looking for that competitive edge. When clients ring the office, they expect whoever answers the phone to know what they are talking about. AAT-trained accounting technicians not only have the technical knowledge, but also the busi*ness skills to provide clients* with the service they want."

Ms Decent adds: "Our qualified AAT members will be in charge of the more straightforward assignments and will go on personal development courses. They will also have the option of continuing to study for further accountancy qualifications.

"The accounting technician's role should grow within accountancy practice and Coopers & Lybrand will continue to recruit AAT members."

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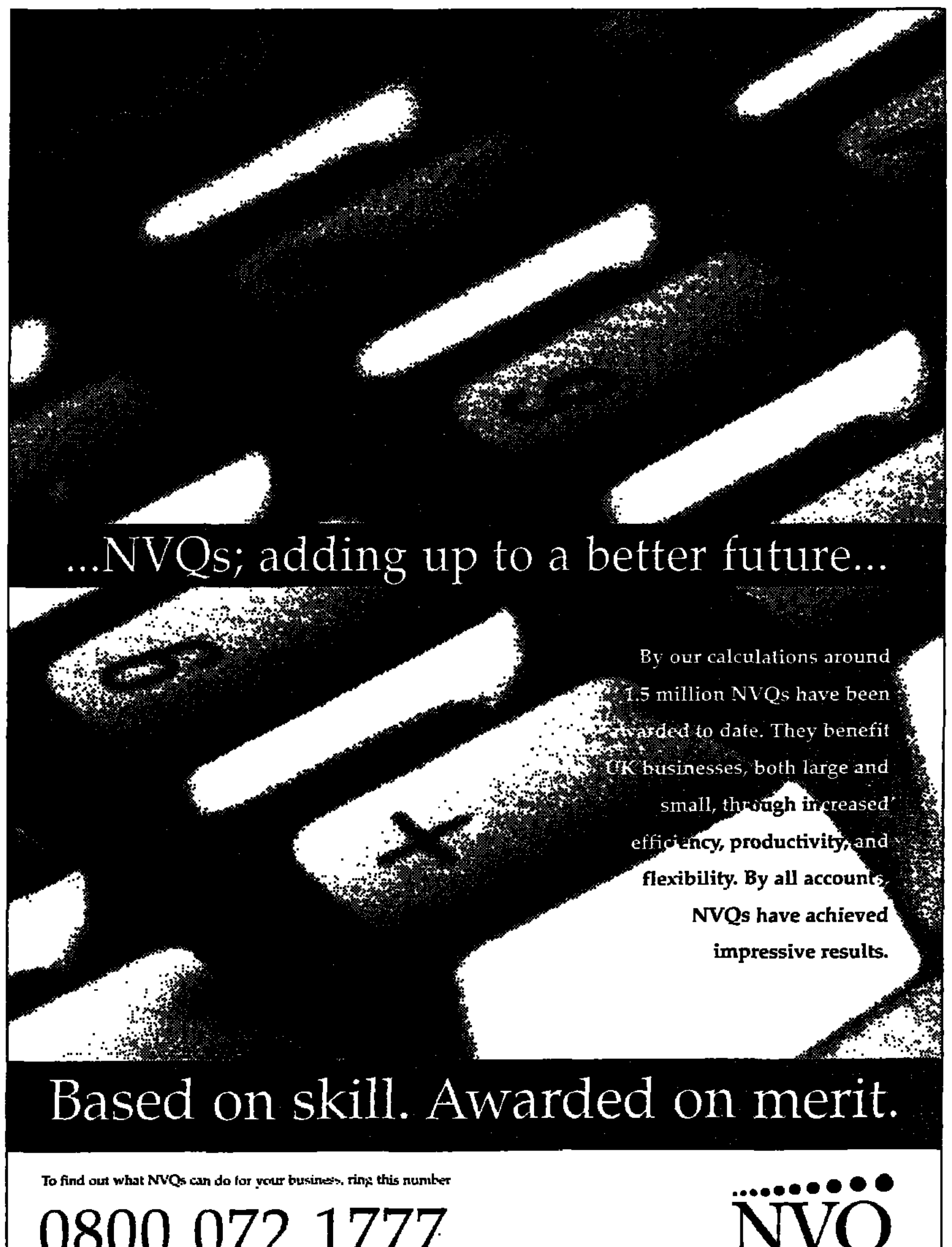
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CRICKET

Ward tips balance in Kent's favour

By Jack Bailey

HORSHAM (second day of four): Kent, with six second-innings wicket in hand, lead Sussex by 135 runs

IT HAS been like a ride on the Big Dipper at Horsham these past two days. First up, then down, as fortunes fluctuated: first Kent, then Sussex, gained the ascendancy.

It would be a brave man, therefore, who forecast the result of this gently-paced but gripping game, although you could just say, in view of Trevor Ward's second big score of the match, that Kent held a slender advantage at the close last night.

However, it should be remembered that, despite Ben Phillips's return of five for 47 and some fine bowling by Paul Strang, and despite having been nearly 100 behind with only two first-innings wickets remaining, Sussex still snatched a slender lead thanks to the contributions with the bat of Paul Jarvis and Mark Newell.

When the Sussex first innings resumed at 102 for four, the chances that they would gain any sort of first-innings lead were pretty remote. When the elder Newell was caught behind with only 22 added, the odds against were stacked even higher. Then, when Phillips, 6ft 6in and raring to go, came on for his first bowl of the day and removed Amer Khan and Vasbart Drakes with his first and third balls, nobody was betting against Kent.

Both Phillips's wickets were caught in the covers and both were the result of steep lift generated by the bowler being countered by unworthy attempts to deal with it.

Here, then, was Phillips with a new career-best haul and a spell that produced appreciative murmours from all sides, while Strang continued to bowl beautifully — and there were Sussex pegged back even further when Moores, aiming to cut Strang, became yet another Sussex player to depart caught in the covers.

At this stage, Sussex were still 91 runs adrift and only two wickets remained. Fate took a hand: Llong, normally the safest of catchers, spilled a snick from Jarvis at second slip when the fast bowler had made a single.

It was some time before the full impact of this mishap dawned. Jarvis played correctly and with skill and his partner, the younger Newell brother, having previously achieved two noughts in the first-class game, showed all the hallmarks of a cricketer who has received a thorough grounding while on the MCC staff at Lord's.

By the time that Phillips returned to wind up the innings, by having Newell taken in the slips by a readjusted Llong, lunch had come and gone, the ninth-wicket pair had put on 92, both had reached half-centuries — Jarvis from 91 balls, Newell from 119 — and even Mark Robinson had hung around for half an hour while a lead of 19 was achieved.

Having so nearly broken Sussex, the Kent bowlers had good reason to feel ill-used. Jarvis had been especially severe on Strang and the Zimbabwean's hitherto excellent figures were badly dented.

Despite the intense competition for a place in the Kent team, Phillips is one from whom a great deal more should be heard. He is accurate, he hits the deck and he is, apparently, tireless.

The Kent innings has so far followed a similar roller-coaster pattern. Once again, the Sussex bowling held no terrors for Ward, while others came and went. He figured large in a partnership of 64 with Fulton and went to his second fifty of this match from 88 balls, including eight untroubled fours.

Yet Walker had been leg-before in the third over of the innings, neither back nor forward to Jarvis, and Wells and Llong were shot out by the erratic Drakes in the space of three balls, the last of these a horrid yorker that beat Llong all ends up.

However, Ward found a second useful partner in Graham Cowdrey, who was content to play second fiddle while helping Kent to avoid further disaster before the close.

Strang, the Kent leg spinner, fails to field a drive from Jarvis off his own bowling. Photograph: Hugh Routledge

Depleted Surrey made to struggle

By Pat Gibson

LEICESTER (second day of four: Leicestershire won toss): Surrey have scored 235 for eight wickets

IT WAS bad enough for Surrey to have to take on the county champions without Alec Stewart, Graham Thorpe and the Hollioake brothers, who are all otherwise engaged in the one-day series against Australia. It could be even worse for them to have lost Ian Salisbury as well.

The England leg spinner's damaged finger is taking longer to heal than he had expected and his absence could be crucial on a Grace Road pitch that turned sufficiently yesterday for Adrian Pierson, the Leicestershire off spinner, to bowl unchanged for 28 overs, half of them maidens, from the Bennett End, picking up four for 42 in the process.

In many ways, it was an old-fashioned sort of day. The loss of the first day because of water-logged run-ups had turned the match into a three-day contest; one of Pierson's victims was caught in the once familiar leg-slip position, where Lock used to snap them up off Laker; and there was a Knott, James, the son of Alan, making his championship debut for Surrey.

For a while, it looked as though Leicestershire's decision to put Surrey in might backfire. Mullally glared suspiciously at the ground underfoot as he ploughed through the sawdust at the pavilion end and, although Millns had no complaints when he took over to have Darren Bicknell leg-before, Butcher's returning form was reassuring for Surrey.

He had started warily, but five boundaries in successive overs from Mullally and Parsons gave him confidence and he had reached 59 off 86 balls, hitting nine fours, when he misjudged the length of a ball from Millns, went back instead of forward, and was leg-before.

It was all hard work for the batsmen after that. Shahid was beautifully picked up at leg slip by Habib off Pierson, Ratcliffe top-edged Johnson to deep square leg and Brown was contained to one flowing cover drive and one mighty pull for six before Pierson's spin defeated him.

Lewis did his level best to play a captain's innings against his old county and Knott gave him gallant support, but Pierson snared them both before the end of a cold, grey day on which the calibre of cricket finally matched the weather.

Cosker reminds Smith of his limitations

By Richard Hobson

CARDIFF (second day of four): Hampshire have scored 232 for two wickets against Glamorgan

THE register of Australian batsmen enjoying county cricket rather than the Ashes tour has become as familiar as it is formidable. Yesterday, those with a more patriotic outlook could embrace the idea that a side should be judged by the quality of players that it can omit. If Robin Smith is overlooked for England duty, then the mine of talent must run very deep indeed.

Well, to a point. Two words explain Smith's probable absence from the international fixtures. The first is Shane, the other Warne. Even against the callow, though promising, left-arm spin of Dean Cosker in Cardiff, Smith's batting carried that tortured look. Against the rest of the attack, though, he swung his bat ferociously.

His only moment of anxiety came on seven, when he survived a confident leg-before appeal from Steve Watkin, but he will resume today unbeaten on 81 from 94 balls, the highest championship score by a Hampshire batsman this season.

He has so far added 132 from 34 overs for the third wicket with Kevan James, who has proved so far to be a cussed foil. A total of 136 overs have been lost to the weather over the first two days, however, so the captains may need to enter negotiations for the game to retain any interest tomorrow.

Glamorgan were entitled to expect a little more from the morning session yesterday when Watkin had Matthew Hayden leg-before with the last ball of the first over, a full-length delivery that struck him on the foot.

James and Smith reached their fifties in successive overs as the ball became increasingly difficult to control in the damp, cold conditions — especially after it had been cracked across the wet outfield by one of Smith's trademark square cuts.

Hick again misses chance to press for Test place

By Michael Austin

CHESTER-LE-STREET (second day of four: Durham won toss): Worcestershire have scored 345 for six wickets against Durham

ANY fond memories that Graeme Hick had about the Durham bowlers disappeared as his latest batting failure, in relative terms, pushed him further to the fringes of Ashes Test selection this summer.

Hick, with only 13 runs in two previous championship innings, added 39 before venturing the loosest of strokes to Steven Lugsden and being caught at the wicket down the leg side.

Last July, an innings of 150 off Durham's attack played Hick into the Lord's Test against Pakistan. It was his 46th and most recent England appearance. While Hick returns to the nets, he will rue being dismissed by a bowler who was not only making his first championship appearance since last June, but also delivered eight wides.

With the first day having been lost to overnight rain, the second began on time. The slippery footholds enforced some of Lugsden's problems, but his new-ball pairing with the persevering Martin Saggers was the least experienced to spearhead Durham in their six years in first-class cricket.

With Simon Brown, Melvyn Betts, John Wood and Colin Campbell all injured, Durham dug deeply into their limited resources. Visions of a Worcestershire run spree were still remote because the ball seamed significantly on the rare occasions that Durham discovered line and length.

Alan Walker, 34, was the exception to Durham's waywardness, dismissing Philip Weston, caught at first slip, and Tim Curtis, taken at second by David Boon after Paul Collingwood, standing alongside him, had juggled with the chance.

Most batsmen got in, hinted at a hundred and promptly got out, Tom Moody making 61 from 92 balls and Gavin Haynes scoring 67. Curtis, Hick and Reuben Spiring all exceeded 30 without suggesting command.

David Leatherdale, whose bowling partnership with Haynes brought about the downfall of the Australians last Sunday, flourished with him in batting mode as they added 68 for the sixth wicket on Worcestershire's productive day.

Ilott makes up for lost time to rout leaders

By Rupert Cox

GLOUCESTER (second day of four: Essex won toss): Gloucestershire have scored 84 for seven wickets against Essex

GLOUCESTER folk are firmly of the opinion that the fates conspire against their match at the King's School. This Gloucester festival, at Archdeacon Meadow, is now in its fifth year, since transferring from Winget cricket club, and rain has proved a constant enemy.

This year was no exception, but once play did start yesterday Essex quickly made up for lost time as Mark Ilott scythed through Gloucestershire's innings with four for 17 in ten exemplary overs.

With little rain since Tuesday's deluge, there seemed little reason not to start on time, but with a light shower and the stubborn nature of the surplus water on the wicket's fringes, play was prevented until 4pm. The frustration was such that George Balmer, the groundsman, and his team resorted to employing blankets from the boys' dormitories to assist in the mopping-up process.

Gloucestershire may well have wished that the rain had never stopped. The championship leaders struggled to cope with a wicket offering some extravagant movement, which the Essex seamers duly exploited.

Admittedly, it was a good toss to win, but Essex, keeping the ball well up to the bat, capitalised. With Trainor surviving several early alarms, it was no surprise that, in the seventh over, Ilott had him caught at short extra cover off bat and pad. Two balls later, the same bowler confounded Robert Cunliffe with a ball that nipped back sharply through the gate.

At three for two and faced by strong attacking fields, Monte Lynch counter-attacked, launching his innings with an edge between the wicketkeeper and first slip. He did manage some characteristically robust drives, but he soon — fatally — edged Ronnie Irani to Gooch at first slip.

Tony Wright was largely untroubled in surviving the perils of the new ball, but he also edged Irani to Gooch. Ilott returned to outwit Mark Alleyne and Richard Davis, the nightwatchman, in successive balls, while Cowan undid Shaun Young with the day's final ball.

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YESTERDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

Britannic Assurance county championship

Durham v Worcestershire

CHESTER-LE-STREET (second day of four): Worcestershire have scored 345 for six wickets against Durham

WORCESTERSHIRE: First Innings

T S Curtis c Collingwood b Walker	43
W P C Weston c Collingwood b Walker	6
G A Hick c Speight b Lugsden	39
R J Spiring b Foster	32
*T M Moody b Saggers	61
G R Haynes c Lewis b Collingwood	67
D A Leatherdale not out	[illegible]
†S J Rhodes not out	[illegible]
Extras (b 2, lb 13, w 22, nb 4)	[illegible]
Total (6 wkts, 104 overs)	345

S R Lampitt, P J Newport and A Sheriyar to bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-24, 2-107, 3-142, 4-180, 5-249, 6-317

BOWLING: Lugsden [illegible]; Saggers 14-3-28-1; Walker [illegible]; Foster [illegible]; Boiling [illegible]; Boon [illegible]; Collingwood 6-1-26-1

DURHAM: J J B Lewis, P D Collingwood, J E Morris, M J Speak, *D C Boon, †M P Speight, M J Foster, J Boiling, M J Saggers, A Walker, S Lugsden

Bonus points: Durham 2 Worcestershire 3

Umpires: A Clarkson and N T Plews

Glamorgan v Hampshire

CARDIFF (second day of four): Hampshire have scored 232 for two wickets against Glamorgan

HAMPSHIRE: First Innings

G W White c James b Waqar	[illegible]
M L Hayden lbw b Watkin	[illegible]
K D James not out	[illegible]
R A Smith not out	81
Extras (b 3, lb 7, w 2)	12
Total (2 wkts, 72 overs)	232

*J P Stephenson, W S Kendall, †A N Aymes, S D Udal, I N B Bovill, S M Milburn and C A Connor to bat

FALL OF WICKETS: [illegible]

BOWLING: Waqar Younis [illegible]; Watkin 15-1-52-1; Thomas [illegible]; Cosker 13-0-41-0; Dale [illegible]; Butcher 5-0-16-0; Maynard [illegible]

GLAMORGAN: S P James, H Morris, A Dale, *M P Maynard, P A Cottey, G P Butcher, †A D Shaw, Waqar Younis, S D Thomas, S L Watkin, D A Cosker

Bonus points: Glamorgan [illegible] Hampshire 1

Umpires: J H Harris and R Palmer

Gloucestershire v Essex

GLOUCESTER (second day of four): Gloucestershire have scored 84 for seven wickets against Essex

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: First Innings

A J Wright c Gooch b Irani	[illegible]
N J Trainor c D R Law b Ilott	[illegible]
R J Cunliffe b Ilott	[illegible]
M A Lynch c Gooch b Irani	[illegible]
S Young lbw b Cowan	[illegible]
*M W Alleyne c Grayson b Ilott	[illegible]
R P Davis lbw b Ilott	[illegible]
†R C Russell not out	[illegible]
Total (7 wkts, 39.4 overs)	84

T H C Hancock, M C J Ball and A M Smith to bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-1, 2-3, 3-30, 4-47, 5-80, 6-80, 7-84

BOWLING: Ilott 10-4-17-4; Cowan [illegible]; Irani 9-2-19-2; Such 10-2-23-0

ESSEX: G A Gooch, *P J Prichard, N Hussain, S G Law, R C Irani, A P Grayson, D R Law, †R J Rollins, M C Ilott, A P Cowan, P M Such

Bonus points: Gloucestershire 0 Essex 3

Umpires: D J Constant and B Leadbeater

Lancashire v Northamptonshire

OLD TRAFFORD (second day of four): Lancashire, with eight first-innings wickets in hand, are 390 runs behind Northamptonshire

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First Innings

R R Montgomerie c Gallian b Keedy	43
M B Loye c Hegg b Martin	31
*R J Bailey c McKeown b Keedy	58
K M Curran c Titchard b Chapple	108
A L Penberthy c Yates b Titchard	32
D J Capel lbw b Chapple	15
T C Walton c Austin b Keedy	60
J N Snape hit wicket b Yates	8
†D Ripley not out	79
J E Emburey b Chapple	0
J P Taylor lbw b Yates	18
Extras (b 10, lb 11)	21
Total	479

Score at 120 overs: 299-4

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-49, 2-140, 3-147, 4-257, 5-301, 6-306, 7-319, 8-434, 9-434

BOWLING: Chapple 29-3-77-3; Martin 25-8-51-1; Keedy 57-13-143-3; Austin 21-6-40-0; Yates 22.3-5-86-2; Titchard 5-1-11-1; Gallian 2-0-11-0

LANCASHIRE: First Innings

J E R Gallian c Bailey b Emburey	49
N T Wood c Ripley b Penberthy	7
S P Titchard not out	20
*N H Fairbrother not out	3
Extras (lb 2, w 2, nb 6)	10
Total (2 wkts, 34 overs)	89

P C McKeown, †W K Hegg, I D Austin, G Chapple, P J Martin, G Yates and G Keedy to bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-12, 2-84

BOWLING: Taylor 7-2-16-0; Penberthy 2-0-5-1; Emburey 14-3-42-1; Snape 11-3-21-0

Bonus points: Lancashire 1 Northamptonshire 2

Umpires: K E Palmer and J F Steele

Leicestershire v Surrey

LEICESTER (second day of four): Surrey have scored 235 for eight wickets against Leicestershire

SURREY: First Innings

D J Bicknell lbw b Millns	19
M A Butcher lbw b Millns	59
J D Ratcliffe c Maddy b Johnson	36
N Shahid c Habib b Pierson	31
A D Brown b Pierson	21
*C C Lewis c Habib b Pierson	22
†J A Knott lbw b Pierson	14
M P Bicknell not out	5
A J Tudor run out	1
R M Pearson not out	0
Extras (b 3, lb 13, nb 12)	28
Total (8 wkts, 98 overs)	235

J E Benjamin to bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-45, 2-96, 3-151, 4-173, 5-190, 6-220, 7-227, 8-234

BOWLING: Millns 20-5-53-2; Mullally 15-3-50-0; Parsons 22-9-38-0; Wells 4-0-17-0; Pierson 28-14-42-4; Johnson 7-1-19-1

LEICESTERSHIRE: V J Wells, D L Maddy, B F Smith, N C Johnson, *J J Whitaker, A Habib, †P A Nixon, D J Millns, G J Parsons, A R K Pierson, A D Mullally

Bonus points: Leicestershire 3 Surrey 1

Umpires: G I Burgess and B J Meyer

Nottinghamshire v Derbyshire

TRENT BRIDGE (second day of four): Derbyshire, with nine second-innings wickets in hand, are 129 runs ahead of Nottinghamshire

DERBYSHIRE: First Innings

K J Barnett c Noon b Bowen	27
A S Rollins c Noon b Archer	30
C J Adams c Johnson b Bowen	29
*D M Jones lbw b Bowen	77
M E Cassar c Noon b Bowen	9
V P Clarke c Noon b Evans	50
†K M Krikken c Noon b Bowen	11
P Aldred c Noon b Bowen	16
A J Harris c Archer b Franks	3
K J Dean c and b Bowen	0
D E Malcolm not out	3
Extras (lb 16, w 12, nb 26)	54
Total (107.4 overs)	319

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-53, 2-100, 3-136, 4-152, 5-270, 6-294, 7-295, 8-314, 9-316

BOWLING: Evans 29-6-68-1; Franks 20-2-52-1; Bowen 28.4-6-75-7; Dowman 9-2-33-0; Archer 14-2-60-1; Afzaal 7-2-15-0

Second Innings

K J Barnett not out	0
A S Rollins lbw b Bowen	0
P Aldred not out	2
Total (1 wkt)	2

FALL OF WICKET: 1-0

BOWLING: Evans 3-2-1-0; Bowen 3-2-1-1

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: First Innings

P R Pollard c Krikken b Malcolm	5
A A Metcalfe lbw b Malcolm	7
G F Archer c Jones b Malcolm	0
M P Dowman c Rollins b Dean	23
*P Johnson b Dean	60
U Afzaal b Malcolm	52
†W M Noon b Dean	0
K P Evans lbw b Aldred	5
M N Bowen c Krikken b Aldred	1
P J Franks c Krikken b Aldred	20
R T Robinson not out	0
Extras (b 4, lb 9, w 2, nb 4)	19
Total (77.1 overs)	192

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-12, 2-12, 3-31, 4-84, 5-111, 6-113, 7-126, 8-128, 9-192

BOWLING: Malcolm 23-7-42-4; Harris 21-5-55-0; Dean 16-5-51-3; Aldred 16.1-3-28-3; Clarke 1-0-3-0

Bonus points: Nottinghamshire 4 Derbyshire 7

Umpires: J D Bond and A G T Whitehead

Somerset v Yorkshire

TAUNTON (second day of four): Yorkshire have scored 183 for five wickets against Somerset

YORKSHIRE: First Innings

M D Moxon c Bowler b Shine	0
M P Vaughan c Burns b Caddick	1
*D Byas b Rose	18
D S Lehmann not out	109
A McGrath c Burns b Shine	11
C White b Caddick	11
†R J Blakey not out	20
Extras (b 1, lb 8, nb 4)	13
Total (5 wkts, 58 overs)	183

G M Hamilton, P J Hartley, R D Stemp and A G Wharf to bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-1, 2-6, 3-33, 4-79, 5-122

BOWLING: Caddick 19-2-62-2; Shine 13-1-52-2; Rose 8-2-19-1; Ahmed 14-5-34-0; Parsons 4-0-21-0

SOMERSET: *P D Bowler, M N Lathwell, P C L Holloway, R J Harden, S C Ecclestone, †M Burns, G D Rose, K A Parsons, Mushtaq Ahmed, A R Caddick, K J Shine

Bonus points: Somerset 2 Yorkshire 0

Umpires: J W Holder and V A Holder

Sussex v Kent

HORSHAM (second day of four): Kent, with six second-innings wickets in hand, are 135 runs ahead of Sussex

KENT: First Innings 245 (T R Ward 67; K Newell 4 for 61)

Second Innings

D P Fulton c Athey b Robinson	34
M J Walker lbw b Jarvis	1
T R Ward not out	79
A P Wells c Moores b Drakes	3
N J Llong b Drakes	0
G R Cowdrey not out	24
Extras (b 2, lb 1, w 4, nb 6)	13
Total (4 wkts)	154

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-5, 2-69, 3-84, 4-86

BOWLING: Jarvis 12-3-41-1; Drakes 13-0-65-2; Robinson 16-8-26-1; Khan 5-3-8-0; K Newell 3-0-13-0

SUSSEX: First Innings

T A Radford lbw b Phillips	4
K Greenfield c Fulton b Strang	37
N J Lenham c McCague b Phillips	8
C W J Athey b Strang	17
K Newell c Marsh b McCague	25
A A Khan c Fleming b Phillips	29
M Newell c Llong b Phillips	58
V C Drakes c Fleming b Phillips	0
*†P Moores c McCague b Strang	3
P W Jarvis c Fulton b Fleming	56
M A Robinson not out	3
Extras (b 5, lb 8, w 10, nb 4)	27
Total (91 overs)	264

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-7, 2-36, 3-77, 4-80, 5-124, 6-147, 7-147, 8-154, 9-248

BOWLING: McCague 23-1-71-1; Phillips 19-5-47-5; Fleming 17-4-42-1; Strang 32-9-91-3

Bonus points: Sussex 5 Kent 5

Umpires: A A Jones and T E Jesty

Warwickshire v Middlesex

EDGBASTON (second day of four): Middlesex have scored 161 for seven wickets against Warwickshire

MIDDLESEX: First Innings

P N Weekes c Frost b Brown	7
J H Kallis lbw b Brown	18
M R Ramprakash c Khan b Brown	2
*M W Gatting c Moles b Donald	38
J C Pooley c Frost b Donald	8
†K R Brown c Ostler b Welch	13
S P Moffat not out	18
R L Johnson c Moles b Welch	7
J P Hewitt not out	10
Extras (b 16, lb 6, w 2, nb 16)	40
Total (7 wkts, 58 overs)	161

A R C Fraser and P C R Tufnell to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-31, 2-35, 3-50, 4-77, 5-97, 6-130, 7-150

BOWLING: Donald 16-2-30-2; Welch 17-4-64-2; Brown 18-7-35-3; Sheikh 7-3-10-0

WARWICKSHIRE: *A J Moles, W G Khan, D L Hemp, D P Ostler, T L Penney, D R Brown, G Welch, N M K Smith, †T Frost, A A Donald, M A Sheikh.

Bonus points: Warwickshire 3 Middlesex 0

Umpires: G Sharp and R A White.

Independence Cup

India v Pakistan

MADRAS (Pakistan won toss): Pakistan beat India by 35 runs

PAKISTAN

Saeed Anwar c Ganguly b Tendulkar	194
Shahid Afridi c Ganguly b Kuruvilla	5
Rameez Raja b Singh	22
*Ijaz Ahmed lbw b Kumble	39
Inzamam-ul-Haq not out	39
†Moin Khan b Tendulkar	9
Mohammad Hussain not out	7
Extras (b 1, lb 8, w 3)	12
Total (5 wkts)	327

Salim Malik, Azar Mahmood, Saqlain Mushtaq and Aqib Javed did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-8, 2-97, 3-213, 4-297, 5-315.

BOWLING: Prasad 9-0-63-0; Kuruvilla 10-2-50-1; Kumble 9-1-58-1; Joshi 4-0-35-0; Singh 9-0-50-1; Tendulkar 9-0-61-2.

INDIA

*S R Tendulkar c Inzamam b Javed	4
S C Ganguly c Saqlain b Javed	33
R S Dravid c Afridi b Javed	107
V G Kambli c Ijaz Ahmed b Hussain	65
A D Jadeja c sub b Malik	4
R Singh run out	35
†N R Mongia not out	23
S Joshi c Moin b Javed	2
A R Kumble c and b Saqlain	0
A P Kuruvilla c Hussain b Javed	1
B K V Prasad c Moin b Saqlain	2
Extras (lb 7, w 8, nb 1)	16
Total (49.2 overs)	292

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-9, 2-61, 3-195, 4-209, 5-247, 6-275, 7-279, 8-281, 9-284.

BOWLING: Javed 10-0-61-5; Mehmood 4-0-24-0; Saqlain 9.2-0-46-2; Afridi 10-0-56-0; Malik 6-0-46-1; Hussain 10-0-52-1.

Man of the match: Saeed Anwar.

Umpires: K T Francis (Sri Lanka), D Orchard (South Africa)

BADMINTON

GLASGOW: World team championship (Sudirman Cup): Group 1A: South Korea 4 England 1 (Men's singles: Park Sung Woo lost to D Hall 10-15, 15-17. Men's doubles: Kang Kyung-Jin and Ha Tae Kwon bt C Hunt and S Archer 15-8, 15-8. Women's singles: Kim Ji Hyun bt J Mann 11-5, 11-1. Women's doubles: Kim Shin Young and Chung Jae Hee beat J Bradbury and D Kellogg 15-9, 15-8. Mixed doubles: Kim Dong Moon and Ra Kyung Min beat Archer and Bradbury 15-13, 15-11). Group 1B: Denmark 4 Sweden 1. Group 2B: Malaysia 3 Russia 2; Holland 5 Canada 0. Group 4B: Switzerland 3 Czech Republic 2; Ukraine 3 Wales 2. Group 5A: France 5 Belgium 0; Belarus 5 Portugal 0. Group 6A: Sri Lanka 4 Guatemala 1; Slovenia 3 Pakistan 2. Group 7A: Cyprus 5 Mexico 0; Malta 3 Luxembourg 2. Group 7B: Brazil 5 Argentina 0; Italy 4 Slovakia 1. Group 8: Armenia 5 Chile 0; Lithuania 3 Estonia 2.

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Milwaukee 5 Minnesota 4; Baltimore 2 Detroit 0; Cleveland 1 Kansas City 0; Toronto 4 New York Yankees 1; Chicago White Sox 10 Boston 5; Oakland 7 Texas 3; Anaheim 18 Seattle 3.

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Atlanta 3 Montreal 2; Pittsburgh 3 St Louis 2; Chicago Cubs 7 Philadelphia 0; Colorado 10 San Francisco 7; New York Mets 2 Florida 1; Houston 4 Cincinnati 3 (14inns); San Diego 5 Los Angeles 4.

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Play-offs: Western Conference: Finals: Utah 104 Houston 92 (Utah lead best-of-seven series 2-0).

CRICKET

SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP (first day of three). Southampton: Nottinghamshire 218 (G E Welton 63; A D Mascarenhas 4-37); Hampshire 40-2. Pontarddulais: Kent 240-2 (R Key 110 not out, J H Baldock 93). Saffron Walden: Sussex 351-7 dec (R Rao 79, J Pyemont 70, J Bowden 65, M Thursfield 60); Essex 17-2. Oxted: Yorkshire 239 (A C Morris 55); Surrey 66-1.

CYCLING

GIRO D'ITALIA: Sixth stage ([illegible] to Lanciano, 210km): 1, R Sgambelluri (It, Brescialat) 5hr 8min 57sec; 2, D Frigo (It, Saeco); 3, M Coppolillo (It, Mapei); 4, T Steinhauser (Ger, Ceramiche Refin) all same time; 5, F Baldato (It, MG Magificio) 16sec; 6, M Wust (Ger, Festina). Leading overall positions: 1, P Tonkov (Russ, Mapei) 23hr 43min 2sec; 2, L Leblanc (Fr, Polti) at 41sec; 3, I Gotti (It, Saeco) 1min 7sec; 4, R [illegible] (It, Saeco) 1:13; 5, M Pantani (It, Mercatone Uno) 1:31; 6, A Noe (It, Asics) 1:49.

EQUESTRIANISM

WINDSOR: Chubb Insurance Windsor International Horse Trials: Leading positions (after first day of dressage): 1, Wat Tyler (P Lyon, GB) 47.8pens; 2, Killea Castle (E Stibbe, Holl) 49.2; 3, Fearle Dazzler (D Scaife, GB) 57.8. Section one: 1, Capuchin (C Phillips, GB) 54.2; 2, Chappaqua (J Robinson, GB) 54.6; 3, Steam Pot (J Adderley, GB) 61.0.

FOOTBALL

Wednesday's late results

WORLD CUP: European qualifying, group eight: Ireland 5 Liechtenstein 0 (in Dublin).

UEFA CUP: Final, second leg: Internazionale 1 Schalke 04 0 (agg 1-1; aet: Schalke 04 won 4-1 on pens).

PORTUGUESE CUP: Semi-final: Boavista 3 Sporting Lisbon 2 (aet).

INTERNATIONAL MATCH: Thailand 0 Northern Ireland 0 (in Bangkok).

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SCHOOLS MATCH: London Sun Shield: Final: Redbridge 3 Hackney 2.

GOLF

SAUNTON: Women's English amateur championship: First round: R Hudson (Wheatley) bt M Henderson (Wrag Barn) 3 and 2; F Brown (Hesketh) bt J Lamb (West Wilts) 3 and 2; E Duggleby (Malton and Norton) bt E Weeks (Bramshott Hill) 2 and 1; E Ratcliffe (Sandiway) bt G Nutter (Formby Ladies') 4 and 3; K Egford (Wiltshire) bt C Marron (Brickborough) 3 and 1; L Simpson (Trevose) bt J Clingan (Tewkesbury Park) 4 and 3; C Ritson (Ormskirk) bt S Gallagher (Trentham Park) 19th; K Rostron (Clitheroe) bt A Waller (Harpenden) 4 and 3; K Smith (Waterlooville) bt R Bailey (Whittington Heath) 5 and 4; S Heath (Telford) bt L Secker (Fulford) 2 and 1; K Stupples (Royal Cinque Ports) bt K Edwards (Stafford Castle) 5 and 4; C Watson (Beaconsfield) bt L Tupholme (Northcliffe) 3 and 2; K Burton (St George's Hill) bt C Grady (Bawburgh) 2 and 1; L Walters (Chesin) bt C Caldwell (Sunningdale) 4 and 3; S Sanderson (The Berkshire) bt D Rushworth (Woodsome Hall) 3 and 2; G Simpson (Cleckheaton and District) bt F Thompson (Ellesborough) 7 and 6. Second round: Hudson bt Brown 2 holes; Ratcliffe bt Duggleby 3 and 2; Egford bt Simpson 20th; Rostron bt Ritson 20th; Smith bt Heath 4 and 2; Stupples bt Watson 4 and 2; Burton bt Walters 1 hole; Simpson bt Sanderson 1 hole.

RUGBY UNION

Tour matches

Cordoba	21	England XV	38

Cordoba: Tries: Barrea, Gaimo. Con: Luña. Pens: Luña 3. England XV: Tries: Bracken 2, Catt, de Glanville, Redman. Cons: Catt 5. Pen: Catt.

(at Cordoba)

Northland	69	Ireland Dev XV	18

(at Whangarei)

SAILING

BT GLOBAL CHALLENGE: Fifth leg (Cape Town to Boston): Leading positions (at 13:59GMT yesterday, with miles to Boston): 1, Group 4 3,208; 2, Concert 3,271; 3, Save The Children 3,305; 4, Courtaulds International 3,328; 5, Commercial Union 3,348; 6, Global Teamwork 3,372; 7, Toshiba Wave Warrior 3,388; 8, Heath Insured II 3,390.

TENNIS

DÜSSELDORF: World Team Cup: Red group: United States bt Croatia 2-1; Australia bt Czech Republic 3-0.

CRAIGLOCKART, Edinburgh: WTA world doubles championship: First round: R McQuillan (Aus) and N Miyagi (Japan) bt Y Basuki (Indo) and C Vis (Holl) 7-6, 1-6, 6-4; L McNeil (US) and L Neiland (Lat) bt D Graham (US) and K Kunce (Aus) 6-4, 6-4.

STRASBOURG: Women's tournament: Second round: S Appelmans (Bel) bt T Tanasugarn (Thai) 6-4, 6-7, 6-1; A Coetzer (SA) bt A-G Sidot (Fr) 7-6, 6-4; M Lucic (Cro) bt N Tauziat (Fr) 6-1, 3-6, 7-5; J Wiesner (Austria) bt A Mauresmo (Fr) 3-6, 7-5, 6-2; N Kijimuta (Japan) bt A Sugiyama (Japan) 5-7, 6-4, 6-4; N Zvereva (Bela) bt L Davenport (US) 3-6, 7-6, 6-2; S Testud (Fr) bt E Likhovtseva (Russ) 6-3, 6-0. Quarter-final: Coetzer bt Kijimuta 6-2, 6-3; S Graf (Ger) bt Testud 3-6, 6-2, 6-1.

DAVIS CUP: Euro/African zone: Group three: Group A: Bulgaria 3 Malta 0; Estonia 2 Kenya 1. Group B: Monaco 2 Algeria 1; Moldova 3 Cameroon 0.

مأخوذ من الأصل

CRICKET

Derbyshire fail to press home their advantage

By Ivo Tennant

TRENT BRIDGE (second day of four): Derbyshire, with nine second-innings wickets in hand, are 129 runs ahead of Nottinghamshire

AFTER taking eight wickets more swiftly than even their buoyant Australian captain would have countenanced, Derbyshire, inexplicably, were unable to make Nottinghamshire follow on yesterday. One of the remaining batsmen was Tim Robinson, who has a fractured hand, yet Usman Afzaal, partnered by Paul Franks and quite undeterred by anything that Devon Malcolm could come up with, added 64 runs that gave their county some succour. Nottinghamshire managed to take the wicket of Adrian Rollins before the close.

Both Afzaal and Franks played markedly more competently than anybody other than Johnson had done earlier in the innings. Their runs were needed. Although Mark Bowen, the seam bowler, who is with his second county, had taken a career-best seven for 75 earlier in the day, Derbyshire had made a sufficiently large total, 319, given that there was still something in the pitch for the medium-pace bowlers.

Not even Bowen, though, could compare with Malcolm in his initial spell. It was searingly fast and pretty accurate. Both Nottinghamshire openers, Pollard and Metcalfe, were hit on their gloves — the former broke a finger in his left hand — and the latter twice edged close to gully before he was leg-before on the back foot. In another over, Malcolm had Pollard well taken down the leg side by Krikken and, after hitting Archer on the shoulder, had him held at first slip.

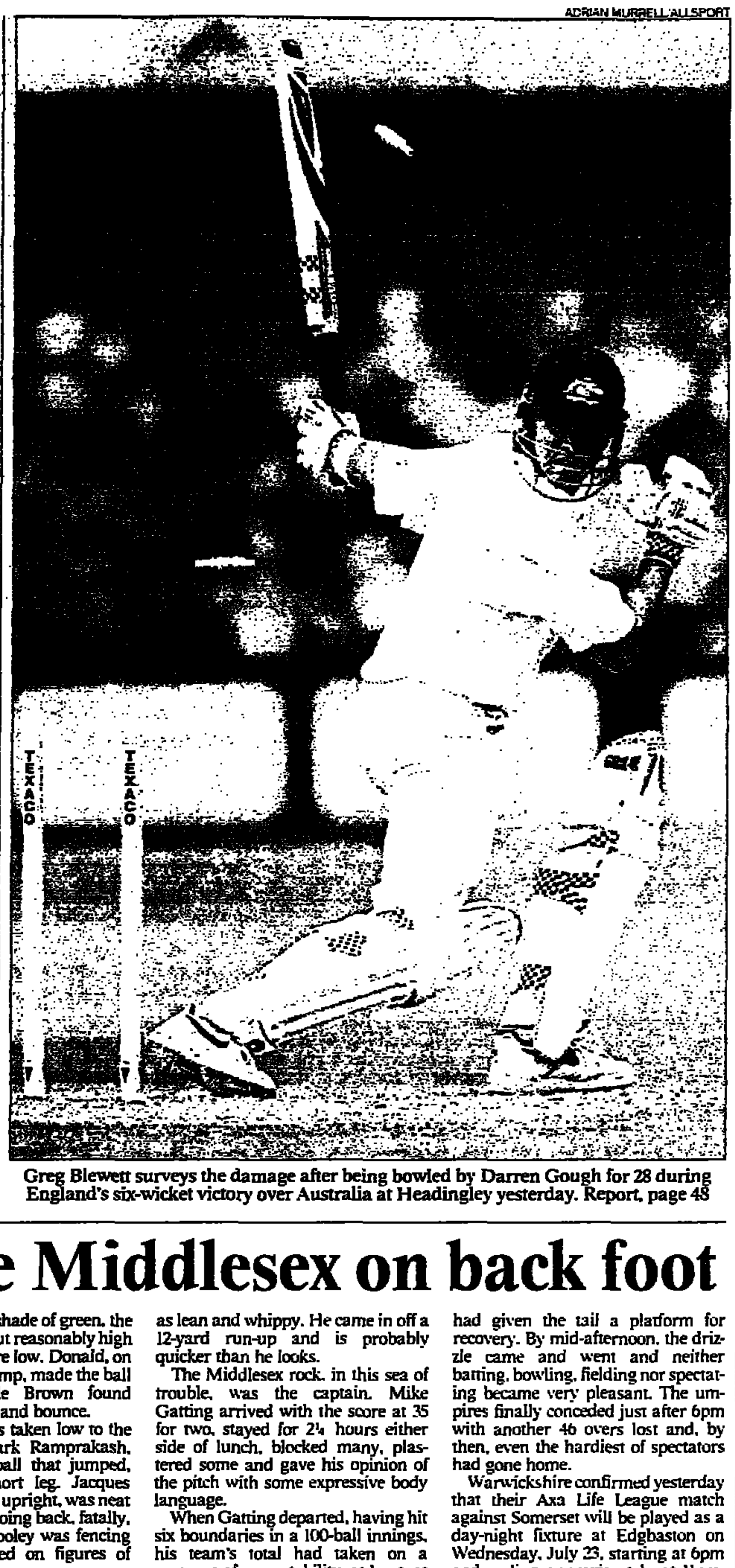
This might sound like intimidatory bowling, yet for most of this spell Malcolm pitched the ball up and looked like the fast bowler Nelson Mandela (one of his benefit patrons) still takes him to be. He remains less accomplished at finishing off an innings, which was one reason why Nottinghamshire avoided following on. Also, Johnson, who made his third consecutive half-century, put on 50 in 12 overs with Dowman in the middle of the innings.

As on the first day, there was some help for anybody who looked to pitch the ball up and move it off the seam. Dean had Dowman caught at cover point, eventually accounted for Johnson and made one swing in to york Noon. When Aldred, who took 13 wickets for the second XI at Trent Bridge last week, removed Evans and Bowen, Nottinghamshire still required 42 to save the follow-on.

They had two wickets in hand, but Robinson, who would have been the very batsman for this occasion, had fractured a bone in his right hand in the field on Wednesday and was not intending to bat. In fact, as Afzaal and Franks unexpectedly came closer to saving the follow-on, he could be espied practising one-handed defensive shots in the Nottinghamshire dressing-room. Ultimately, he did come out to bat when Afzaal, whose past ten first-class innings read 5, 47, 26, 51, 39, 67 not out, 19, 70 not out, 77 not out and now 52, was eventually bowled.

Earlier, Nottinghamshire had done markedly well to take Derbyshire's last five wickets for 36 runs. Jones added only six to his overnight 71 before Bowen had him leg-before. Bowen then had Krikken and Aldred caught at the wicket and gained his seventh wicket when he caught Dean in his follow-through. This is the kind of pitch that he would like to play on all season.

The six catches taken by Noon equalled the record by a Nottinghamshire wicketkeeper. This has been achieved on ten occasions, four times by Bruce French, who played in the Hadlee era and now specialises — if that is the right word — as a rock climber. Wicketkeepers always were a bit different. Noon is not in that class, but his catching over the past two days has been of a sufficiently high standard to impress the most exacting of judges.



ADRIAN MURRELL/ALLSPORT

Greg Blewett surveys the damage after being bowled by Darren Gough for 28 during England's six-wicket victory over Australia at Headingley yesterday. Report, page 48

Brown and Donald force Middlesex on back foot

By Derek Hodgson

EDGBASTON (second day of four; Warwickshire won toss): Middlesex have scored 161 for seven wickets against Warwickshire

UNLESS there is a fundamental change in the weather in the next ten days, Australia will play the first Test match here on a pitch not dissimilar to the one that undermined Middlesex: even-paced, but seaming and, if under cloud, ideal for England's battery of fast-medium bowlers.

It would be unfair to say that the pitch was entirely to blame. Warwickshire's bowling, especially that of Dougie Brown and Allan Donald, was hostile and penetrative and the slips' catching was exemplary. Yet the performance, overall, was patchy and the deputy wicketkeeper, Tony Frost, who hails from Bob Taylor's home town of Stoke, would have needed to match a display by the maestro to reduce the number of extras.

Middlesex began engagingly enough, taking 19 off Graeme Welch's first two overs, causing Brown to take over from the Pavilion End. Donald needed most of three overs to find the right length on this surface and once the pair were in harness, Middlesex were in trouble.

The pitch had a shade of green, the clouds were grey but reasonably high and the temperature low. Donald, on or about the off stump, made the ball lift sharply, while Brown found variations of seam and bounce.

Paul Weekes was taken low to the keeper's right. Mark Ramprakash, keeping down a ball that jumped, was caught at short leg. Jacques Kallis, straight and upright, was neat and fluent, before going back, fatally, to Brown. Jason Pooley was fencing and Brown lunched on figures of 13-6-22-3.

The exotically-named Mo Sheikh, 23, who was called up from the Birmingham League, was revealed as lean and whippy. He came in off a 12-yard run-up and is probably quicker than he looks.

The Middlesex rock, in this sea of trouble, was the captain. Mike Gatting arrived with the score at 35 for two, stayed for 2¼ hours either side of lunch, blocked many, plastered some and gave his opinion of the pitch with some expressive body language.

When Gatting departed, having hit six boundaries in a 100-ball innings, his team's total had taken on a measure of respectability, at least, at 130 for six.

He did, too, get a snorter from Donald after he and Keith Brown had given the tail a platform for recovery. By mid-afternoon, the drizzle came and went and neither batting, bowling, fielding nor spectating became very pleasant. The umpires finally conceded just after 6pm with another 46 overs lost and, by then, even the hardiest of spectators had gone home.

Warwickshire confirmed yesterday that their Axa Life League match against Somerset will be played as a day-night fixture at Edgbaston on Wednesday, July 23, starting at 6pm and ending approximately at 11pm. There will be a fancy dress contest, music and face-painting. You have been warned.

EQUESTRIANISM

Lyon proves the main attraction in dressage

By Jenny MacArthur

POLLY LYON, who disappeared from the international eventing scene "burnt out and exhausted" after winning her second European young riders' title in 1990, confirmed her return yesterday when she and the Irish-bred Wat Tyler took the overnight lead after the first day of dressage at the Chubb Insurance Windsor International Horse Trials.

Lyon, 28, produced an attractive, flowing test on the seven-year-old gelding that gave her a 1.6-point lead over Eddy Stibbe, of Holland, on Kilkea Castle. Their tests appeared to be in a different league from the rest of the field.

Sheffield-born Darrell Scaife, whose eventing career started eight years ago, when he wrote persuasively to Jane Holderness-Roddam, then chairman of the selectors, asking her to train him, is in third place on Faerie Dazzler.

Lyon, who is engaged to Toby Williamson, equerry to the Queen, had one of the most spectacular starts to an eventing career. She won the individual and team gold medals at the 1987 European junior championships on Highland Road and became the European young riders' champion — and also won a team gold medal — the following year. In 1990, aged 21, she gained her second European young riders' title on Folly's Last, but instead of elation felt "exhausted and ready to quit".

Preoccupied with building up her Charlton Park equestrian yard in Wiltshire, she put her international career on hold for the next four years. It might have remained that way had not William Russell, an eventing enthusiast, whose son, Miles, had competed with Lyon, offered to buy her a "potential top-class event horse" — provided that she found it.

Wat Tyler was discovered two years ago on Anglesey. Bold and athletic, he has been placed each time at one-day trials this season and has helped to make the sport fun again for Lyon. Windsor is his first three-day event, but Lyon is optimistic about the 26-fence cross-country course tomorrow. "It's big, but it's well built and inviting and should suit him," she said.

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IN BRIEF

British men fall at qualifying stage

THREE more British players were beaten in the first qualifying round of the French Open tennis championships in Paris yesterday. Danny Sapsford, Luke Milligan and Nick Weal followed Andrew Richardson and Chris Wilkinson out of the tournament.

Sapsford was beaten 6-3, 6-3 by Rodolphe Gilbert, of France. Milligan lost 6-3, 4-6, 6-1 to Rodolphe Cadart, also of France, and Weal was beaten 6-4, 6-0 by Vincenzo Santopadre, of Italy.

Michael Stich joined the list of absentees from the men's singles when he announced yesterday that he would not be taking part. Stich plans to retire in September.

Timely arrival

Basketball: John Amechi, the England forward, will, after all, be able to play for his country in Pezinok, Slovakia, tonight when they begin their programme in the qualification round of the European championship against Luxembourg. It was thought that Amechi would not arrive in time as he has been in the United States attempting to revive his career in the National Basketball Association.

Three and easy

Golf: Tommy Horton completed two hat-tricks when he won the Scottish Life/Ben Sayers senior club professional championship by nine strokes at Finham Park, Coventry, yesterday. Horton had a seven-under-par final round of 66 to win the event for the third time in succession. It was his third seniors' title in as many weeks.

Ireland beaten

Rugby union: Northland trounced the Ireland Development XV 69-16 in the first match of their New Zealand tour at Whangarei yesterday. The second division team scored ten tries, while the Irish side could manage only one from Gary Halpin, the captain.

Home rule

Cycling: Roberto Sgambelluri, of Italy, sprinted the closing 100 metres yesterday to win the sixth stage of the Giro d'Italia. Pavel Tonkov retained the overall lead.

Lehmann's talent shines through

By Michael Henderson

TAUNTON (second day of four): Yorkshire have made 183 for five wickets against Somerset

IN GRIM, dank conditions, Darren Lehmann made a most assured century yesterday. Lehmann, 27, who has taken over from another Australian left-hander, Michael Bevan, as Yorkshire's overseas player, batted scrupulously to complete his first hundred for the club before bad light — and it was bad — brought play to a premature close at 5.20pm.

There were four lights on the board (three usually constitute a warning) when the umpires finally persuaded the players that they were entitled to go off. They had resorted to their light meters on at least four occasions, but, to their credit, the batsmen preferred to play rather than loiter in the pavilion. So far, only 58 overs have been possible on the first two days.

No matter how poor the light, the bowlers came alike to Lehmann, who was particularly strong square of the wicket. He crunched drives between point and extra cover and ran zealously between the wickets to give some impetus to the innings, but he is not just a ball-basher. His strokes rang out truly and confidently and he showed his joy on completing his hundred by waving his bat excitedly in every direction.

The outfield was so wet that play started three hours late, with protective covers shielding "baby" pitches on the far side of the square. Anthony McGrath did not detain Somerset long, caught behind as he pushed uncertainly at a ball from Kevin Shine that left him off the pitch.

By the time Craig White, missed at the wicket before he had scored, was comprehensively bowled by Andrew Caddick, Lehmann had reached his fifty. He enjoyed one moment of fortune when Mushtaq Ahmed deceived him with a slower ball of full length that hit him on the front pad, but he is an uncomplicated batsman and galloped to his century from 168 balls, with 13 boundaries.

His second fifty occupied only 67 balls, which was some going on such a bothersome day. Richard Blakey conferred even more distinction on the innings by playing like an amateur at the other end. One might expect a man who spends so much time behind the stumps to pick the googly. Blakey was clueless as Mushtaq baffled him at will. How he survived the day was a comic turn on its own.

There was some talk last month that Yorkshire did not actually need an overseas player — and they probably do not, for they have an abundance of talent — but, on this showing, Lehmann will make "business" runs and make them quickly, which is not something that all Yorkshire batsmen have done in the recent past. He will make them attractively, too.

Fairbrother holds key to survival

By Barney Spender

OLD TRAFFORD (second day of four): Lancashire, with eight first-innings wickets in hand, are 390 runs behind Northamptonshire

FOR THE second day running, Old Trafford escaped the rain, but it was still a gloomy day for the Lancashire supporters. Under pewter skies, they were subjected to some grey cricket as Northamptonshire took a firm grip on what has been a pretty dour game so far.

After grinding out a first-innings total of 479 in a little over ten hours, Northamptonshire picked up two early wickets, including the crucial one of Jason Gallian, to leave Lancashire in danger of suffering a second successive defeat. They are 390 behind, but, of more immediate importance, they need another 241 to avoid the follow-on. Their survival depends on Neil Fairbrother's batting, or a good dousing of rain.

Resuming on 281 for four, Northamptonshire threatened to throw away their position as Glen Chapple, in an impressive spell, picked up the wickets of David Capel, leg-before for 15, and Kevin Curran, who spent 35 minutes gathering the nine runs that he needed for his first hundred of the season before offering a catch to Steve Titchard in the covers. Soon afterwards, Jeremy Snape played on to Gary Yates while cutting to leave Northamptonshire on 319 for seven.

If Lancashire thought they had done the hard work, however, they were quickly disabused of the idea as Tim Walton and David Ripley added 115 for the eighth wicket. Walton reached 50 three times in his five championship matches last year and kept up that consistency with a well-worked 60 yesterday.

He appears to have a tight enough defence, but he also showed a refreshing fondness for standing up straight and giving the ball a good belt. He twice deposited Gary Keedy over the mid-on boundary on his way to 20, while his third six went a bit wider, over cow-shot corner. Yet his adventure proved his downfall, as Ian Austin took a good catch on the boundary to give the left-arm spinner his third wicket and a modicum of revenge.

Emburey went quickly, but Ripley, who nudged his way effectively to 79 not out, then added to Lancashire's dark mood by adding 45 for the last wicket with Neil Taylor.

The Lancashire batsmen were quickly in trouble. Nathan Wood, son of former Lancashire and England opener, Barry Wood, edged Penberthy to the boundary, but another nibble outside the off-stump produced a thinner edge and a good catch by David Ripley, diving in front of first slip. Gallian looked as comfortable as anyone in moving to 49, but, shortly before the close, he pushed forward to Embury and was snapped up by Rob Bailey at silly point.

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent

This Refresher illustrates an important theme in discarding.

Dealer East **Love all**

North:
♠ J 9 3
♥ A 9 7 5
♦ K 6
♣ 7 5 4 2

West:
♠ A 2
♥ Q J 3
♦ J 8 3 2
♣ 10 9 8 6

N
W E
S

East:
♠ 8 5 4
♥ 8 6 2
♦ 9 7 5 4
♣ A K 3

South:
♠ K Q 10 7 6
♥ K 10 4
♦ A Q 10
♣ Q J

S	W	N	E
1 S	Pass	1 NT	Pass
2 NT	Pass	3 S	Pass
4 S	All Pass		

Contract: Four Spades by South. Lead: ten of clubs

West led the ten of clubs and the defence played three rounds of the suit, the last of which was ruffed by declarer who immediately played the king of spades from hand. West won with the ace and played his fourth club, East discarding a small diamond. Declarer ruffed the club and played two more rounds of trumps.

On the last of these West was in some difficulty. Thinking that East's diamond discard meant he was holding on to something in hearts, West threw a heart. Declarer laid down the king of hearts (in case West had started with five and East had a singleton honour), and now had a third heart trick.

There was a heated post mortem. West told East that he should have discarded a heart from his three small. East told West that he didn't want to give away the position if declarer had had K J 10 of hearts.

Although East could have been more helpful, the fault was with West. The clue was in declarer's play. If declarer had a fourth round diamond loser (holding, say, A Q x x), he would surely have ruffed a diamond in the dummy. So it was clear for West to discard a diamond.

The lesson is, if there is a shortage in dummy but declarer does not go for ruffs, it is usually because ruffs in that suit would not help him; it is safe for the defenders to discard their long cards in the suit.

☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

KEENE on CHESS

By Raymond Keene
Chess correspondent

Madrid elite

A powerful tournament is taking place in Madrid, where Britain's top grandmaster Nigel Short faces such luminaries as the former Russian (now Spanish) grandmaster Valery Salov, the Bulgarian grandmaster Veselin Topalov, another adoptive Spaniard, Alexei Shirov (formerly Latvian) and the world's top woman player, Judit Polgar.

In the first round, Short defeated the Spanish player San Segundo. However, the centrepiece of the round was the sharp clash between Shirov and Polgar. After a difficult opening Polgar went wrong with the passive decision 14 ... gxh6. She should have played 14 ... Rxh6 meeting 15 f5 with 15 ... Ne5 16 Bxh6 Qxh6 when Black has excellent strategic compensation for the slight investment in material.

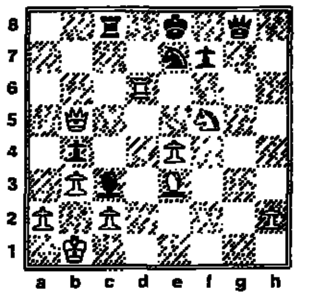
White: Alexei Shirov
Black: Judit Polgar
Madrid, May 1997

Sicilian Defence

1	e4	c5
2	Nf3	e6
3	d4	cxd4
4	Nxd4	Nc6
5	Nc3	d6
6	g4	a6
7	Be3	Nge7
8	f4	b5
9	g5	Bb7
10	Bg2	h6
11	gxh6	Ng6
12	Nxc6	Bxc6
13	Qd4	Qh4+
14	Kd2	gxh6
15	Raf1	Rg8
16	Kc1	Rc8
17	Rhg1	Ne7
18	Qd2	b4
19	Nd1	Ba4
20	b3	Bb5
21	Rf3	Nc6
22	Rh3	Qd8
23	Kb1	Rg4
24	Nf2	Rxg2
25	Rxg2	Bf1
26	Ng4	Bg7
27	f5	Bc3
28	Qf2	Bxg2
29	Qxg2	exf5
30	Nxh6	Kd7
31	Nxf5	Qg8
32	Qe2	Qg6
33	Rh6	Qg8
34	Rxd6+	Ke8
35	Qxa6	Ne7
36	Qb5+	

Black lost on time

Diagram of final position



Times book

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TODAY'S FIXTURES

CRICKET

Britannic Assurance county championship
11.0, third day of four, 104 overs minimum
CHESTER-LE-STREET: Durham v Worcestershire
CARDIFF: Glamorgan v Hampshire
GLOUCESTER: Gloucestershire v Essex
OLD TRAFFORD: Lancashire v Northamptonshire
LEICESTER: Leicestershire v Surrey
TRENT BRIDGE: Nottinghamshire v Derbyshire
TAUNTON: Somerset v Yorkshire
HORSHAM: Sussex v Kent
EDGBASTON: Warwickshire v Middlesex

SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP (*final day of three*): Saffron Walden: Essex v Sussex. Pontarddulais: Glamorgan v Kent. Bristol: Gloucestershire v Derbyshire. Southampton: Hampshire v Nottinghamshire. Uxbridge: Middlesex v Leicestershire. Northampton: Northamptonshire v Somerset. Oxted: Surrey v Yorkshire. Stratford-upon-Avon: Warwickshire v Lancashire. Worcester: Worcestershire v Durham.

HOCKEY

WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL MATCH: England v Scotland (at NHC, Milton Keynes, 7.0).

RUGBY LEAGUE

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated
Stones Super League
Bradford v Oldham
London v Warrington
Sheffield v Halifax
Wigan v Castleford
First division
Featherstone v Whitehaven
Huddersfield v Swinton
Hull v Keighley (8.0)
Wakefield v Hull K R
Workington v Widnes
Second division
Carlisle v Doncaster
Hunslet v Barrow
Prescot v Batley
Rochdale v York

OTHER SPORT

BADMINTON: World team championships (at Glasgow).
EQUESTRIANISM: Windsor Horse Trials.
GOLF: Volvo PGA Championship (at Wentworth).
SPEEDWAY: Elite League: Belle Vue v Wolverhampton (7.30), Peterborough v Ipswich (7.30). Premier League: Edinburgh v Stoke (7.30). Premier League Cup: Arena Essex v Oxford (8.0).
TENNIS: WTA world doubles Cup (at Edinburgh).

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

DAVACH
a. A Breton cow
b. The fluke of an anchor
c. A measure of land

ESPADON
a. A sword
b. A bicuspate beard
c. The ace of spades

DANTE
a. A sort of buffalo
b. A trailing hat
c. An exile

ENOUGH
a. Enough
b. To make rough
c. An Irish lochan

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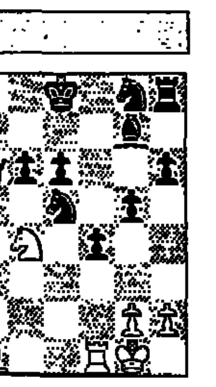
WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

Black to play. This position is from the game Thomas — Horne, Hastings 1948. It seems as if Black must be forced to exchange queens, as his own queen is pinned and attacked by the white knight. However, he had other plans. How did he continue?



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FOOTBALL

Ince in two minds over ending of Italian interlude

FROM OLIVER HOLT, FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT, IN MILAN

PAUL INCE sits in a quiet corner of the *Internazionale* training complex, smiling wryly and shaking his head. Life is sweet on sunny days like these here in the rustic peace of Appiano Gentile, where his team-mates stroll in and out of shady groves.

Ince is finding it hard to let go. A few weeks ago, he said, he had made up his mind. He and his wife, Claire, were growing increasingly worried about the education of their eldest son, Thomas, about their inability to find him a school near to their apartment on the shores of Lake Como. Ince had decided to come home, probably into the open arms of Liverpool or Arsenal.

Then, things began to change. Last week, during Inter's *Serie A* match against Reggiana, a group of the fanatical supporters who have taken the English midfield player to their hearts hung a huge banner over one of the great balconies at the San Siro, begging "Ince the Warrior" to stay.

At about the same time, Inter offered him a lucrative one-year extension to the remaining 12 months of his existing three-year contract, a deal that earns him more than £30,000 a week. He said that he would not sign it, but the desperation of the club to hang on to him and the affection of the fans have thrown his plans to leave this summer into turmoil.

"Last Thursday, against Reggiana, the whole stadium was singing that they did not want me to go," Ince said. "The more people say it, the more it starts to play on your mind.

"The other thing is that the club has been fantastic. If I stay for the last year of my contract next season, they will not get any money for me at the end of it because of [the] Bosman [judgment]. They could say: 'We'd better sell him now and get the money.' But the offer of this new contract shows how much they want me. It is nice to be wanted.

"At Manchester United, no matter what anyone says, I was forced out, so there was really no choice. But this is different. I get in two minds sometimes. I think it is time to go and then something happens and I think I should stay for the last year."

Ince: contract offer

Far from being the arrogant, aggressive character that he is often portrayed as, Ince was the soul of candour, easy humour and common sense, happy to talk even in the aftermath of the crushing disappointment of Inter's Uefa Cup final defeat to Schalke 04 on Wednesday night in a penalty shoot-out.

He spoke of his patriotism, too, how he feared the mood that he sensed in some of his peers that it was no longer quite so important to play for England. He said that he would seek advice from Glenn Hoddle, the England coach, about his dilemma over whether to leave Inter, who could yet qualify for the Champions' League next season, when he joins up with the squad on Monday for the World Cup qualifying match against Poland the following Saturday.

There were several issues that he was agonising over, he said, but the main problem was that the only suitable school for Thomas, five, was more than an hour's drive away from the family apartment. He had considered tutors, but he was keen that his elder son should not be denied the company of other children.

For the past six months, Thomas has been closeted in the apartment with his mother, who has just given birth to a second son, Daniel, and Ince is redoubling his efforts to find a solution that might help him to come to a final decision about his future.

"Claire and I have both agreed that Thomas and his school is the most important thing," Ince said. "We are exploring various things, but moving closer to the school is not really an option because we are so settled where we are. We might even look at a school in Switzerland.

"I also have to think about the fact that if I stay another year here, I could get a bad injury and then I would be knackered. My next deal will be my last big deal and I want a four or five-year contract.

"But when I walked out of the tunnel before the Schalke game and felt the atmosphere in the San Siro, I thought: 'This is unbelievable.' The quality of life here is fantastic, the apartment is beautiful, the people are nice and the food is lovely. It is a hard place to leave."

Hoddle gives chance to reborn Gascoigne

GLENN HODDLE, the England coach, yesterday departed from his usual custom by naming Paul Gascoigne as a definite starter for the match against South Africa at Old Trafford tomorrow (David Maddock writes).

In so doing, Hoddle, like so many others before him, dared to dream of a fresh beginning. "The nature of the man must change," Hoddle had said of Gascoigne earlier in the week. The alarming thing for England's prospects is that Hoddle appeared to be serious. That Gascoigne is 29 and has had more false starts than Linford Christie appears to have escaped Hoddle's attention.

Like so many of his predecessors, he is sticking to the conviction that the nature of the man-child can be changed when all the evidence is to the contrary. Hoddle's conversation yesterday had a hint of religious zeal as he talked of the prospect awaiting Gascoigne tomorrow, and the depressing suggestion is that he will again be offered a central role in the future of the national team.

"What I like about Paul is that I have had a long talk with him and he appears to have responded," Hoddle said. "We talked about him concentrating on his football, enjoying it again and being in love with training again, and he has responded. There is no flamboyance on the training ground any more. He is still a cheeky, chirpy, chappie — but he has not overdone it this time, like he has in the past."

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Ian McGeechan, the Lions' head coach, has the attention of the squad as he makes a point during training at King's Park, Durban, yesterday

Lions pair follow in fathers' footsteps

FROM DAVID HANDS
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT
IN DURBAN

SPORTING talent can run in families, but second generation Lions remain rare beasts. That two sons of famous fathers will make their bow for the British Isles in Port Elizabeth tomorrow is, therefore, a moment for rugby to cherish.

It will mean even more if Keith Wood can emulate his father, Gordon, and appear in internationals in the Lions front row, or that Scott Quinnell can go in the back row, where his father, Derek, went before. Quinnell's pedigree is strengthened by the fact that Barry John, his uncle, was also a member of the 1971 Lions in New Zealand and played alongside Quinnell Sr in the team that beat the All Blacks.

Scott Quinnell's appearance against an Eastern Province invitation XV was confirmed only yesterday after the withdrawal from the selected Lions team of Tim Rodber. The Northampton No 8, suffering from gastro-enteritis on Wednesday, did not recover sufficiently quickly to play a full part in the first private training session of the tour and ceded his place to the Welshman.

It is remarkable that Quinnell and Wood should also play in similar positions to their fathers, like the Waddells, Herbert and Gordon, who played stand-off half for Scotland and the Lions in 1924 and 1962 respectively. Gordon Wood propped twice against New Zealand in 1959; he died in 1982 when Keith was only ten, and the Harlequins and Ireland hooker has had to search for mementoes of a playing career, such as jerseys and caps, that his father had given away.

Scott Quinnell expects to see his father midway through the tour. "We haven't really talked about the coincidence of us both playing for the Lions," he said. "Now I've been selected for my first game, I can begin to imagine what my father and my uncle must have felt. But this is a different era. We are the 1997 Lions and I can only go out and play my game as best I can.

"At an early age, my father sat me down and told me that if I wanted to play rugby, he would support me so long as I was happy in what I was doing. I've been lucky to have the support of my family, but I've never enjoyed watching rugby, or rugby videos, and the only one I've seen in which my father played was the 1973 Barbarians [against New Zealand]."

It was in Port Elizabeth that Derek Quinnell played as a replacement for the injured Stuart Lane in the first match of the 1980 Lions tour, so the long hand of coincidence hangs over this match. The chosen midfield pairing of Scott Gibbs and Jeremy Guscott, which reunites the eventual international combination in New Zealand in 1993, should take the field despite Gibbs suffering a mild thigh strain yesterday, while John Bentley is expected to recover from a bruised toe.

He, like Quinnell, shrugs off the leap from second division rugby in England to sterner opposition: both men are surrounded by players of international calibre at Newcastle and Richmond respectively, but also benefit from their exposure to professional sport in rugby league. Against Eastern Province, and deeper into the tour, that experience will prove essential.

Catt gives England tour triumphant start

Cordoba	21
England XV	38

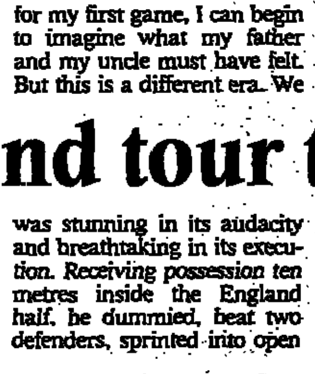
FROM MARK SOUSTER
IN BUENOS AIRES

BUOYED by the comprehensive defeat of Cordoba, the state champions, in the opening match of their tour, England arrived here yesterday evening with a spring in their step. Given the justifiable concerns about the lack of time to prepare and the quality of the opposition, which included five members of the national squad, the performance was as good as anyone could rightfully have expected barely 48 hours after England had arrived.

England scored five tries, led 24-11 at half-time and, apart from a few jittery moments in the scrums, deserved their victory in a hostile atmosphere.

While Ben Clarke and Nick Greenstock were among those who caught he eye, Jack Rowell, the coach, praised Kyran Bracken and Mike Catt, who last played together at half back for England in the defeat by South Africa at Twickenham in 1995, after which Bracken was dropped and was subsequently found to be suffering from glandular fever. He scored two tries while Catt contributed 18 points, from a try, five conversions and a penalty goal.

Catt's try in the second half was stunning in its audacity and breathtaking in its execution. Receiving possession ten metres inside the England half, he dummied, beat two defenders, sprinted into open space and, when confronted by Soler, neatly chipped him, gathered the ball before it bounced and scored.



Catt: impressive show

Rowell said: "It was a staggering try. You would have to come a long way to see a better one. This [performance] will really give a lot of confidence to a lot of players."

Rowell had been looking for Catt to reproduce the form that he demonstrated against Wales in the five nations' championship match in March on a consistent basis — perhaps this is the start. On this performance, Catt's omission from the British Isles party looks foolhardy, but the worries about Paul Grayson's fitness may yet see him flying to South Africa.

After slipping down the England pecking order, Bracken is using the tour here to re-establish his credentials. "It is good to be back in the England frame," he said. "Maybe missing the Lions was a blessing in disguise. I am looking forward to challenging for the top spot."

SCORERS: Cordoba: Tries: Giamo, Barrera. Conversion: Luna. Penalty goals: Luna (3). England XV: Tries: Bracken (2), Catt, de Glanville, Redman. Conversions: Catt (6). Penalty goal: Catt.

CORDOBA: F Soler; J Luña, G Sagrera, J Legora, G Tomalino; H Herrera, C Barrea; A Rodriguez, G Bernardi, D Muñoz, M Viola, E Giamo, J Simes, L Bedoya, D Rotondo. Araya replaced by M Driel (50min); Bedoya replaced by A Lagresti (72).

ENGLAND XV: J Mallinder; A Adebayo, P de Glanville, N Greenstock, J Sleightholme; M Catt, K Bracken; R Hardwick, P Greening, D Garforth, B Clarke, M Haag, N Redman, R Jenkins, C Sheasby. Sheasby replaced by A Diprose (68).

Referee: E Blengio (Uruguay).

RUGBY LEAGUE: SUPER LEAGUE LEADERS RELISH CHANCE TO EQUAL RECORD NUMBER OF VICTORIES

Bradford invest in Crouthers' potential

BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

TWENTY-FOUR hours after the sale of Paul Cook to Huddersfield, Bradford Bulls yesterday tied up a £70,000 deal for his replacement, Kevin Crouthers, a highly-rated young centre, from Dewsbury. "We've been watching him for two months and I believe he's got star quality," Matthew Elliott, the Bradford coach, said.

Crouthers, 21, is unlikely to figure in tonight's home game against Oldham Bears, part of a virtually full league programme, but he adds to the strength in depth at Odsal. This has been the single biggest factor in Bradford's success this season. Another victory would consolidate their lead in the Super League and equal the record of 12 successive wins set last year by St Helens.

Andy Northey, of St Helens, missed their match last night at Salford after earlier receiving a four-match ban from the Rugby Football League disciplinary committee for a challenge on Martin Offiah, in which his knees went into the back of the London Broncos' wing. He is considering an appeal.

After the sudden removal on Wednesday of Phil Larder as coach at Sheffield Eagles, John Kear, his former assistant, will take charge for the first time at home to Halifax Blue Sox, who beat the Eagles 18-16 in their earlier meeting this season.

Fifth-placed London are unchanged, after their impressive draw at St Helens a week ago, for the visit of Warrington Wolves, who have lost three of their past four matches and are one of five clubs losing touch at the bottom end of the table.

Castleford Tigers finally got off the mark at home to Salford last Sunday, but their improvement would need to be considerable at Central Park to disturb in-form Wigan Warriors, who brushed aside London and Halifax in their last two outings.

Hull have a three-point lead over Huddersfield at the top of the first division, but a resurgent Keighley Cougars could well test their unbeaten record at the Boulevard. Huddersfield, for whom Cook will be making his home debut against Swinton, suffered a blow to their hopes of claiming the one promotion place when they lost at Keighley last Sunday.

Hunslet have signed St John Ellis and Martin Ketteridge, the former Castleford pair, who are expected to make their first appearances in the second division home match against Barrow. Ellis, who joins them from Keighley on a two-year contract, will also coach the Alliance team.

Leeds Rhinos have made Tony Kemp their Alliance coach while their New Zealand half back continues his lengthy recovery from a broken arm.

It will be between two and four months before he can resume his playing career. Because of his earlier attempts to start playing again, the healing process was hindered. Kemp takes over from Damian McGrath and Dean Bell, the first-team coach, who have been looking after the reserves.

"Tony has been feeling very frustrated," Bell said. "He has been here through the bad times and now he can see the club moving forward, he desperately wants to be part of it."

Griff Jenkins, the former Oldham, Wigan and Salford coach, has died, aged 85. He led Oldham to the league title in 1957 and three consecutive Lancashire Cup triumphs, in 1956, 1957 and 1958, and both Wigan and Salford to Challenge Cup finals. A minute's silence will be observed before the Oldham v Salford game at Boundary Park next Monday evening.

ATHLETICS

Black to raise captain's profile

BY DAVID POWELL, ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT

ROGER BLACK was faced with two tasks yesterday when it was confirmed that he would succeed Linford Christie as captain of the Great Britain men's athletics team after the European Cup in Munich next month. One, though it may seem strange to say, was to play down a suggestion that he might be overlooked for the 400 metres spot in Munich.

Logic suggests that Black, who ran the three fastest 400 metres in history by a British runner last season and who won an Olympic silver medal, should be guaranteed the place. However, by the time that the selectors meet, a fortnight hence, to pick the squad, Mark Richardson hopes to have run fast enough to persuade them that he is the man in form.

Furthermore, Richardson is the most recent British winner of a European Cup 400 metres, in 1995. However, Black said: "As Olympic silver medallist, I think I deserve to be picked." The selectors will no doubt see it his way for, as Black added: "Whoever runs for Britain is going to win."

It would be an extraordinary put-down for Black if, having notified Malcolm Arnold, the national head coach, that he wished to be picked, he was omitted.

Of the captaincy, Black said that he would seek to elevate its importance. "Linford has performed the role asked of him, but there has been no expectation of the team captain," he said. "At the moment, you cannot say it is the same as being asked to be captain of England at rugby, football or cricket. I would like to develop the role.

"There have been problems in the past that could have been solved if young athletes had realised there was somebody they could go to. Linford has played that role with certain athletes and I would hope I can do it with a wider spectrum. From a motivating the troops point of view, they need to be made to feel it matters and I think that has been missing. This is not a criticism of Linford as there has been no defined role."

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RACING: NEWMARKET TRAINER HAS STRONG REPRESENTATION AT THE CURRAGH THIS WEEKEND

Stoute keen to show off Dazzle

By Julian Muscat

HAVING made a splash at Newmarket and cornered all the headlines in the Derby preamble, Michael Stoute now turns his attention to the weekend's classics at the Curragh. The Newmarket trainer has representatives in the Irish 1,000 and 2,000 Guineas, while Dr Massini, favourite for the Derby 12 months ago, continues his rehabilitation in the Tattersalls Gold Cup.

Stoute will decide on Dazzle's participation in the fillies' classic *tomorrow after* assessing the state of the ground. A soft surface would not suit the daughter of Gone West, who excelled herself when third behind Sleepytime in the Newmarket equivalent three weeks ago. *But the trainer is very* keen to run.

"She has been prepared for the race," Stoute said, "and it is her last shot at a classic. She would prefer good ground but she will travel over if it is good to soft."

Persistent rain at the Curragh has considerably softened the surface but the short-term forecast is more promising. Local bookmakers Paddy Power have installed Dazzle the 100-30 favourite ahead of Oh Nellie, who finished one place ahead of Dazzle at Newmarket.

Dazzle held bright prospects as the 1,000 Guineas field reached the rising ground, just over one furlong from the finish. In the end, however, she failed to maintain the momentum. This latter detail suggested she may not quite have seen out the trip. "It is a fair assumption," Stoute said, "but I had not been able to give her the ideal preparation. While she was entitled to get tired then, she has since been working consistently."

Stoute is represented in the Irish 2,000 Guineas on Sunday by Yalaietanee, who failed to give his true running in the French equivalent on testing ground. The son of Sadler's Wells, a 5-1 chance for Sunday behind the odds-on Revoque, had previously mastered that rival in the Greenham Stakes.

"It is difficult to know what went wrong in France," the trainer said. "I am not convinced the ground was to blame. It may have been a combination of things; the lack of pace was a problem and he ended up disputing the lead. Naturally, I'm hoping he reproduces the form he showed in the Greenham, when there was cut in the ground."

Zamindar, fifth in the Newmarket Guineas, is an intended opponent for Yalaietanee and Revoque. He is to be flown to Ireland but requires good ground to take his chance.

Come what may, Zamindar's owner, Khaled Abdulla, will be represented in the Irish 1,000 Guineas by Ryafan — one of three in Abdulla's livery declared yesterday for the Oaks. A decision on the participation of Reams Of Verse and Yashmak is due early next week.

Meanwhile, Dr Massini's prospects in the Tattersalls Gold Cup were endorsed at Goodwood yesterday when Germano and King Alex, both previous victims of the Stoute-trained four-year-old, fought out a thrilling finish to the Royal Sussex Regiment Festival Stakes. King Alex came hard at Germano in the closing stages but the latter, trained by the in-form Geoff Wragg, would not be denied.

"Dr Massini's form is good," Stoute said. "The Irish race looks tough, but I am happy with my horse. He has never previously run on soft ground but if he meets those conditions it won't bother him. He has a good turn of foot."

Michael Hills, who partnered Germano, started the day badly when landing himself a four-day ban for irresponsible riding in the A & J Bull Maiden Stakes. Hills got Good Reputation home in first place, but the filly was demoted to third after Hills was adjudged to have interfered with Rocky Dance.

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Germano fends off the determined challenge of King Alex in the Festival Stakes at Goodwood yesterday

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: RIGHT MAN
(4.25 Nottingham)
Next best: Perang Polly
(4.55 Nottingham)

PONTEFRACT

THUNDERER

6.40 Equerry. 7.05 **STEP N GO** (nap). 7.30 Out Like Magic. 8.00 Night Chorus. 8.30 Almuhtaram. 9.00 Polish Romance.

GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO SOFT IN PLACES) SIS
DRAW: 6F, LOW NUMBERS BEST

6.40 FRIENDS OF THE NORTHERN RACING COLLEGE CLAIMING STAKES SKY

(£2,742: 1m 4yd) (11 runners)

1	5024	GOLDEN THUNDERBOLT 3 N Tinkler 4-9-2	J Weaver 10
2	1500	PLEASURE TRICK 20 (CD,F,G) E Incisa 6-9-2	Kim Tinkler 9
3	0-05	WHITTLE ROCK 14 (F,G) Mrs M Reveley 4-9-2	A Culhane 5
4	301-	EQUERRY 245 (D,F,G) M Dods 6-8-13	F Lynch (3) 1
5	2156	RAMBO WALTZER 31 (D,F,G,S) D Nicholls 5-8-13	Iona Wands (5) 4
6	001-	SCARABEN 197 (CD,F,G,S) S Kettlewell 9-8-13	J Stack 3
7	00-0	BOWCLIFFE 19 (D,F,S) E Alston 6-8-11	J F Egan 7
8	0-40	MONEGHETTI 15 (D,G) J L Harris 6-8-8	S Sanders 8
9	1036	FIRST GOLD 7 (F,G,S) J Wharton 8-8-6	G Duffield 6
10	6050	MILETRIAN CITY 22 (V,F) J Berry 4-8-6	K Darley 2
11		RUSH ME NOT 133J M Bielby 4-8-6	D McKeown 11

7-2 Whittle Rock, Scaraben, 11-2 Golden Thunderbolt, Equerry, Rambo Waltzer, 10-1 Pleasure Trick, Bowcliffe, 12-1 others.

7.05 TOTE FILLIES HANDICAP SKY

(£3,405: 1m 2f 6yd) (18)

1	0004	CASHMERE LADY 12 (G) J Eyre 5-9-10	D Pears (3) 14
2	0-00	OPALETTE 18 Lady Herries 4-9-8	J Weaver 1
3	6-00	DAIRA 15 (G) J Bethell 4-9-4	Paul Eddery 13
4	-211	STEP N GO 3 (D,G,S) Mrs J Ramsden 3-9-1 (5ex)	K Fallon 10
5	211	LINDRICK LADY 3 (S) B Rothwell 3-9-1 (5ex)	M Fenton 3
6	240-	FOREST FANTASY 238 (F) J Wharton 4-9-0	G Duffield 4
7	0-00	KRISTAL BREEZE 14 (D,F,G,S) W Muir 5-8-13	J Reid 17
8	0-00	LAPU-LAPU 17 (C,D,F) M Camacho 4-8-13	G Parkin (5) 8
9	00-0	WINNEBAGO 51 C Thornton 4-8-9	D McKeown 5
10	00-6	BOLLERO 13 (G) J Berry 3-8-8	P Fessey (5) 11
11	060-	CRUZ SANTA 244 T Barron 4-8-6	K Darley 18
12	100-	WELCOME LU 255 (F) J L Harris 4-8-2	S Sanders 15
13	2464	PORTITE SOPHIE 6 (G) M Brittain 6-7-13	D Mernagh (7) 9
14	00-3	PETIT FLORA 48 G Holmes 5-7-11	J Quinn 2
15	0042	KILNAMARTYRA GIRL 11 (BF,F,G) J Parkes 7-7-10	G Bardwell 12
16	00-0	PERFECT ANGEL 11 M Tompkins 3-7-10	Dale Gibson 16
17	66-0	DONA FILIPA 17 Miss L Siddall 4-7-10	N Carlisle 6
18	-645	MCGILLYCUDDY REEKS 12 (D,F) E Incisa 6-7-10	Kim Tinkler 7

3-1 Step N Go, 13-2 Lindrick Lady, 8-1 Cashmere Lady, 10-1 Bollero, 12-1 Kristal Breeze, Kilnamartyra Girl, Forest Fantasy, 14-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: M Stoute, 8 winners from 34 runners, 23.5%; R Hannon, 6 from 30, 20.0%; G Lewis, 3 from 15, 20.0%; Mrs J Ramsden 33 from 178, 18.5%; B Hanbury, 5 from 27, 18.5%; D Loder, 3 from 17, 17.6%.

JOCKEYS: J Reid, 6 winners from 24 rides, 25.0%; M Henry, 4 from 19, 21.1%; K Fallon, 37 from 190, 19.5%; J Egan, 3 from 16, 18.8%; K Darley, 21 from 180, 11.7%; G Parkin, 3 from 27, 11.1%.

7.30 NORTHERN RACING COLLEGE CONDITIONS STAKES SKY

(2-Y-O: £4,187: 6f) (5)

1	2156	MISTER BANKES 19 (S) W G M Turner 8-13	T Sprake 4
2	5	HIGH MONEY 14 G Lewis 8-11	Paul Eddery 1
3	012	RUSTY BABE 11 (BF,G) J J Quinn 8-11	J Quinn 3
4	2311	CLASSY CLEO 25 (C,F,G) R Hannon 8-10	K Darley 2
5	1222	OUT LIKE MAGIC 9 (F) P Evans 8-10	J F Egan 5

11-8 Classy Cleo, 5-2 Out Like Magic, 9-2 Rusty Babe, 7-1 High Money, 8-1 Mister Bankes.

8.00 WILLIAM HILL HANDICAP SKY

(3-Y-O: £3,818: 1m 4yd) (9)

1	213-	SOUTHERLY WIND 210 (CD,F) Mrs J Ramsden 9-7	K Fallon 7
2	035-	BALLY SOUZA 218 M Johnston 9-5	J Weaver 5
3	-134	BLOOMING AMAZING 18 (D,F) J Eyre 9-5	T Williams 1
4	0094	A BREEZE 18 (C,F) D Morris 8-13	N Day 6
5	336	HONOURABLE 30 J Watts 8-13	J Carroll 2
6	0-13	NIGHT CHORUS 8 (D,G) B Rothwell 8-13	M Fenton 9
7	5324	INTERDREAM 8 (F) R Hannon 8-4	K Darley 8
8	0-05	RIGHTY HO 17 P Walwyn 8-2	S Sanders 4
9	00-4	PALDOST 15 M Hammond 7-12	Dale Gibson 3

3-1 Southerly Wind, 5-1 Night Chorus, 13-2 Blooming Amazing, Interdream, 7-1 Bally Souza, A Breeze, Righty Ho, 8-1 others

8.30 MICK McCOY MEMORIAL HANDICAP SKY

(£3,223: 1m 4f 8yd) (9)

1	0030	ALMUHTARAM 15 (B,F,G) G Lewis 5-9-13	Paul Eddery 6
2	620-	DALWHINNIE 193 J Wharton 4-9-12	G Duffield 1
3	1520	SUMMERHILL SPECIAL 9 (D,F,S) D Barker 6-9-11	T Williams 7
4	2010	ROAD RACER 17 (C,G) Mrs J Ramsden 4-9-5	K Fallon 9
5	63-6	PASSING STRANGERS 51 P Harris 4-9-4	J Reid 8
6	15-0	KERNOF 25 (C,F) M Hammond 4-9-0	F Lynch (3) 4
7	-004	SAM ROCKETT 17 Miss G Kelleway 4-8-2	R Mullen (5) 3
8	025/	NEGATIVE EQUITY 646 (B) A Turnell 5-8-0	M Henry (3) 2
9	60-2	JUNIOR BEN 7 M Sowersby 5-7-13	P Fessey (5) 5

7-2 Road Racer, 5-1 Almuhtaram, Summerhill Special, Junior Ben, 7-1 Dalwhinnie, Sam Rockett, 8-1 Passing Strangers, Kernof, 20-1 Negative Equity

9.00 RACING & THOROUGHBRED BREEDING TRAINING BOARD MAIDEN STAKES

(3-Y-O: £3,615: 6f) (8)

1		BALLADARA R Hannon 9-0	S Sanders 4
2	2	JUDDY 32 J A Harris 9-0	J O'Reilly 3
3	0	LOCKSILL 12 A Smith 9-0	D McKeown 8
4	63	NIGHT EXPRESS 14 B Hanbury 9-0	M Rimmer 2
5	40-	PRESENT CHANCE 210 B McMahon 9-0	L Newton 5
6	0-00	SPARKLING HARRY 12 (B) Miss L Siddall 9-0	T Siddall (7) 7
7	45-	POLISH ROMANCE 217 (BF) M Stoute 8-9	J Reid 1
8		WELLSPRING D Loder 8-9	K Darley 6

15-8 Polish Romance, 2-1 Wellspring, 4-1 Night Express, 8-1 Juddy, 10-1 others

☐ Today's meeting at Haydock Park has been abandoned because of waterlogging. Philip Arkwright, the clerk of the course, is nonetheless hopeful that racing can go ahead tomorrow. "Conditions have improved since yesterday. I am reasonably hopeful, but will *inspect again at 8am,*" *he said.*

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Goodwood

Going: good, good to soft in straight

2.10 (1m 1f) 1, Behind The Scenes (L Dettori, 13-2); 2, Rocky Dance (5-1); 3, Good Reputation (4-1 fav). 9 ran. ½l, 2l. C Cyzer. Tote: £5.70; £1.80, £2.40, £1.60. DF: £36.60. Trio: £30.70. CSF: £35.80. Good Reputation finished first, but after a stewards' inquiry was disqualified and placed third

2.40 (1m 2f) 1, Germano (M Hills, 4-1); 2, King Alex (5-4 fav); 3, Medaille Militaire (8-1). 10 ran. Hd, 3½l. G Wragg. Tote: £4.90; £1.60, £1.60, £2.00. DF: £3.60. Trio: £9.80. CSF: £8.96.

3.10 (7f) 1, Gadge (D Wright, 4-1 fav); 2, Dancing Image (10-1); 3, Knobbleeneeze (11-1). 15 ran. NR: Move With Edes. ¾l, ¾l. A Bailey. Tote: £4.30; £2.50, £2.20, £4.00. DF: £13.30. Trio: £59.10. CSF: £36.49. Tricast: £380.31

3.40 (1m 4f) 1, Hoh Express (K Darley, 20-1); 2, Valedictory (11-4 fav); 3, Rumourless (7-2). 9 ran. ½l, ¾l. I Balding. Tote: £21.30; £3.60, £1.70, £1.30. DF: £29.20. Trio: £22.80. CSF: £67.46. Tricast: £223.34.

4.10 (1m) 1, Out West (A McGlone, 6-1); 2, Lili Claire (7-1); 3, Miss Riviera (10-1). Balalaika 7-4 fav. 9 ran. ¾l, 1l. H Cecil. Tote: £8.60; £2.30, £1.80, £2.80. DF: £33.20. Trio: £254.30. CSF: £45.23.

4.45 (5f) 1, Half Tone (G Milligan, 100-30); 2, Willow Dale (3-1 fav); 3, Stolen Kiss (5-1). 9 ran. Sh hd, ¾l. R Flower. Tote: £4.10; £1.30, £1.60, £1.60. DF: £5.80. Trio: £7.40. CSF: £12.22. Tricast: £43.54.

Jackpot: not won (pool of £10,515.95 carried forward to Brighton today).

Placepot: £71.40. Quadpot: £33.80.

Newcastle

Going: good

2.30 (5f) 1, Prince Foley (D McGaffin, 5-1); 2, Occhi Verdi (13-8 fav); 3, Branston Berry (5-1). 8 ran. NR: Angel Hill. Hd, ½l. W G M Turner. Tote: £6.30; £1.80, £1.10, £1.40. DF: £5.10. Trio: £8.20. CSF: £12.28

3.00 (1m 4f 93yd) 1, Shattishayes (D McKeown, 11-4); 2, Eagle Canyon (5-2); 3, Lord Hastie (11-4). Baby Jane 9-4 fav. 4 ran. ¾l, ½l. Mrs M Reveley. Tote: £3.30. DF: £4.60. CSF: £9.17

3.30 (6f) 1, Lord Smith (D McGaffin, 3-1); 2, Swoosh (2-1 fav); 3, Bell Dance (10-1). 10 ran. NR: Diamond Steve. Nk, sh hd. W G M Turner. Tote: £3.70; £1.60, £1.40, £1.80. DF: £4.50. Trio: £34.20. CSF: £8.80.

4.00 (1m 2f 32yd) 1, Memorise (W Ryan, 2-1); 2, Dream Of Nurmi (13-2); 3, Eshbaal (10-11 fav). 5 ran. Nk, 3½l. H Cecil. Tote: £3.00; £1.10, £4.10. DF: £10.20. CSF: £12.92.

4.30 (5f) 1, Lady Sheriff (T Lucas, 11-10 fav); 2, Ballard Lady (7-2); 3, Chilling (9-1). 10 ran. 1¾l, 1¾l. M W Easterby. Tote: £1.70; £1.10, £1.60, £1.50. DF: £2.50. Trio: £4.90. CSF: £4.33. Tricast: £21.44.

5.05 (1m 3yd) 1, Rock Island Line (P Roberts, 7-2: Richard Evans's nap); 2, Carlton (3-1); 3, King Uno (12-1). Epic Stand 13-8 fav. 3l, 5l. J Berry. 12 ran. Tote: £3.80; £1.10, £1.60, £4.30. DF: £5.10. Trio: £35.20. CSF: £12.94. Tricast: £108.19. Epic Stand finished first, but after a stewards' inquiry was disqualified and placed last.

Placepot: £31.80.

Quadpot: £5.20.

Exeter

Going: good, good to firm in places

2.20 (2m 2f hdle) 1, Paulton (R Dunwoody, 7-1); 2, Miramare (9-1); 3, Bayerd (4-1 fav). 12 ran. 2l, 1l. K Bishop. Tote: £8.00; £1.90, £2.70, £1.50. DF: £34.80. Trio: £17.30. CSF: £60.95.

2.50 (2m 3f 110yd ch) 1, Mr Playfull (J Frost, 12-1); 2, Blazer Moriniere (4-1); 3, Court Master (14-1). Boots N All 7-4 fav. 12 ran. Nk, 8l. R Frost. Tote: £14.40; £2.10, £2.50, £5.00. DF: £32.60. Trio: £170.00. CSF: £54.31. Tricast: £630.00.

3.20 (2m 3f 110yd hdle) 1, Storm Dust (J Culloty, 9-2); 2, Budington Sam (4-1); 3, Star Performer (7-2). Faustino 11-4 fav. 5 ran. Nk, 2½l. Miss H Knight. Tote: £5.60; £2.00, £2.20. DF: £22.50. CSF: £20.05.

3.50 (2m 7f 110yd ch) 1, Santella Boy (R Dunwoody, 11-4); 2, Stormtracker (7-4 fav); 3, Kiwi Crystal (12-1). 8 ran. NR: Life Peerage. 8l, 1½l. C Mann. Tote: £4.10; £1.30, £1.60, £1.50. DF: £5.30. Trio: £12.10. CSF: £7.84.

4.20 (3m 2f hdle) 1, On My Toes (J Frost, 11-1); 2, Piper's Rock (4-1); 3, Spirit Level (10-1). Ecu De France 7-2 fav. 12 ran. 4l, 14l. R Frost. Tote: £5.20; £1.30, £3.50, £5.50. DF: £18.80. Trio: £115.00. CSF: £49.90. Tricast: £426.20

4.55 (2m 3f 110yd hdle) 1, Lord Nitrogen (Mr J L Llewellyn, 6-1); 2, Up The Tempo (8-1); 3, Genereux (8-1). Regal Gem 5-2 fav. 8 ran. NR: Sioux To Speak, Tudor Town. 3½l, hd. B Llewellyn. Tote: £7.80; £2.80, £2.20, £2.10. DF: £56.80. Trio: £35.10. CSF: £51.07. Tricast: £362.71.

Placepot: £2,329.30.

Quadpot: £245.10.

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Wednesday's late details

Newton Abbot

Going: good to soft

6.10 (2m 6f hdle) 1, Jenzsoph (G Tormey, 9-4); 2, Peter Monamy (5-2); 3, Defendtherealm (6-4 fav). 4 ran. Nk, dist. P Hobbs. Tote: £3.20. DF: £3.00. CSF: £7.23

6.40 (3m 2f 110yd ch) 1, Buzz O'The Crowd (Mr D Alers-Hankey, 14-1); 2, Fight To Win (50-1); 3, Tom's Gemini Star (25-1). Phar Too Touchy 1-3 fav. 11 ran. Dist, 11l. Miss A Handel. Tote: £13.70; £1.80, £5.40, £5.30. DF: £109.30. Trio: £225.60. CSF: £465.63

7.10 (2m 1f hdle) 1, Nordic Breeze (A P McCoy, 2-11 fav); 2, Sparkling Buck (10-1); 3, Technical Move (100-1). 6 ran. 1¾l, 21l. M Pipe. Tote: £1.30; £1.20, £1.60. DF: £2.70. CSF: £2.82

7.40 (2m 5f 110yd ch) 1, Polden Pride (A P McCoy, 2-1); 2, Allo George (100-30); 3, Philip's Woody (10-11 fav). 3 ran. NR: Leotard. 3l, 17l. G Balding. Tote: £3.10. DF: £5.00. CSF: £8.88.

8.10 (2m 110yd ch) 1, Robert's Toy (A P McCoy, 3-1 fav); 2, Finnigan Free (6-1); 3, Another Hubblick (66-1). 9 ran. 1½l, 2½l. M Pipe. Tote: £3.60; £1.80, £1.90, £8.90. DF: £15.90. Trio: £44.10. CSF: £18.74.

8.40 (2m 1f hdle) 1, Blade Of Fortune (Mr J Tizzard, 15-8); 2, Cooley's Valve (7-2); 3, Miss Souter (10-1). Mystic Hill 11-8 fav. 4 ran. 1¾l, 17l. V Greenway. Tote: £2.60. DF: £5.70. CSF: £7.54

Placepot: £3,040.50. Quadpot: £30.20.

Uttoxeter

Going: good to soft

6.25 (2m hdle) 1, Single Sourcing (J Culloty, 6-1); 2, Iewn Janine (6-1); 3, Timidjar (4-6 fav). 9 ran. 3½l, 7l. Miss H Knight. Tote: £7.30; £1.80, £1.30, £1.10. DF: £24.40. Trio: £12.30. CSF: £37.63.

6.55 (3m 110yd hdle) 1, Palace Of Gold (R Supple, 9-1); 2, Mr Christie (2-1 fav); 3, Quite A Man (100-30). 8 ran. 1½l, 9l. L Lungo. Tote: £5.30; £1.60, £1.50, £1.70. DF: £10.00. CSF: £25.83. Tricast: £67.23

7.25 (3m 2f ch) 1, Brogeen Lady (R Dunwoody, 15-8 fav); 2, Mr Boston (9-4); 3, Thermal Warrior (5-1). 4 ran. NR: Andormari, Don't Light Up. 6l, 26l. D Gandolfo. Tote: £2.80. DF: £3.40. CSF: £6.04

7.55 (2m hdle) 1, Strike-A-Pose (Michael Brennan, 6-1); 2, Mudlark (12-1); 3, Witherkay (7-4 fav). 13 ran. NR: Birthplace, Caddy's First, Kalzari, Maggies Lad. 6l, 3½l. B Llewellyn. Tote: £7.70; £1.90, £3.20, £1.20. DF: £31.80. Trio: £56.20. CSF: £72.33. Tricast: £169.45.

8.25 (2m 5l ch) 1, Plumbob (R Supple, 11-4); 2, Brigmer Shade (11-4); 3, With Impunity (6-4 fav). 7 ran. Hd, 15l. L Lungo. Tote: £3.60; £1.80, £2.30. DF: £4.60. CSF: £10.18

8.55 (2m 4f 110yd hdle) 1, Morpheus (R Johnson, 2-1); 2, Bullens Bay (14-1); 3, Rythm Rock (13-8 fav). 11 ran. 1½l, 1¾l. D Nicholson. Tote: £3.00; £1.30, £3.50, £1.10. DF: £15.00. Trio: £7.40. CSF: £25.41.

Placepot: £7.50. Quadpot: £8.90

NOTTINGHAM

THUNDERER

2.25 Racing Hawk. 2.55 Mazilla. 3.25 Corniche Quest. 3.55 Saffron Lane. 4.25 Right Man. 4.55 Square Mile Miss.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.25 Esperto. 3.25 **ALMASI** (nap). 4.25 Jucinda.

GOING: GOOD DRAW: 6F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST SIS

2.25 ARNOLD SELLING HANDICAP

(£1,985: 1m 1f 213yd) (18 runners)

101	(14)	140-	GUESSTIMATION 247 (D,F,G,S) J Pearce 8-10-0	C Teague (3)	90
102	(8)	0650	REHAAB 42 (CD,F) D Morris 4-9-12	G Faulkner (5)	91
103	(4)	-000	SANTELLA KATIE 34 Mrs L Stubbs 4-9-8	A Culhane	97
104	(10)	400-	HILL FARM BLUES 256 W M Brisbourne 4-9-3	A Garth	89
105	(15)	/1-1	ESPERTO 6 (CD,G) J Pearce 4-9-3 (5ex)	G Bardwell	[illegible]
106	(18)	06-2	DIAMOND CROWN 4 (CD,F) M Wane 6-9-1	J Carroll	93
107	(5)	0-00	RACING HAWK 18 (V,CD,F) M Saunders 5-9-0	A McGlone	87
108	(3)	0-00	IRISH KINSMAN 14 G Yardley 4-8-12	C Lowther (7)	–
109	(2)	0-00	JUNGLE FRESH 12 J Bethell 4-8-11	D Urbina	93
110	(16)	0-40	BLAZE OF OAK 22 J Bradley 6-8-11	S Drowne	92
111	(9)	4002	CAPTAIN MARMALADE 5J (CD,G) D Thom 8-8-11	G Duffield	96
112	(7)	-003	RIVER RUN 8 (D,F,G) R Hollinshead 5-8-10	F Lynch (3)	98
113	(17)	3553	ROCHEA 6 Mrs N Macauley 3-8-9	S Webster	90
114	(6)	-566	PROUD BRIGADIER 4 (F,G,S) M R Bosley 9-8-9	C Rutter	97
115	(12)	002-	ACQUITTAL 237 (V,BF,F) A Streeter 5-8-7	T Sprake	92
116	(13)	6300	RETURN TO BRIGHTON 11 (F) J Bradley 5-8-7	J Weaver	93
117	(1)	00-4	CHOPIN 17 R Johnson Houghton 3-8-7	S Sanders	90
118	(11)	25-0	I'M A NUT MAN 19 C Smith 6-8-5	D McKeown	88

4-1 Esperto, 7-1 Chopin, 8-1 Captain Marmalade, River Run, Rochea, Acquittal, 14-1 Guesstimation, Diamond Crown, Blaze Of Oak, 16-1 others.

2.55 NORWEST HOLST CONSTRUCTION HANDICAP

(£3,512: 1m 1f 213yd) (18)

201	(1)	-060	UP IN FLAMES 13 (F,G) S Bowring 6-9-10	S Webster	91
202	(10)	-000	WINSTON 13 (C,F,G) J Bethell 4-9-4	Paul Eddery	98
203	(8)	0003	GOLDEN TOUCH 18 (D,F,G) D Cosgrove 5-8-3	D Biggs	93
204	(6)	14-0	LADY GODIVA 64 (G) M Polglase 3-9-1	T G McLaughlin	91
205	(17)	00-0	WELSH MOUNTAIN 32 (F) M Heaton-Ellis 4-9-0	J Weaver	92
206	(9)	1050	SUPER HIGH 15 (V,G) P Howling 5-8-13	F Norton	89
207	(5)	00-0	MAZILLA 24 (CD,F,G) A Streeter 5-8-11	T Sprake	85
208	(12)	0-00	TRAVELMATE 18 J Fanshawe 3-8-11	D Harrison	90
209	(18)	000-	RENATA'S PRINCE 167 (F) K Burke 4-8-11	A Culhane	–
210	(2)	6-33	RICCARTON 17 P Calver 4-8-9	J Carroll	91
211	(4)	-000	SARATOGA RED 4 W O'Gorman 3-8-8	Emma O'Gorman	85
212	(11)	461/	TOMASHENKO 1054 (F,G) T Donnelly 6-8-6	N Connorton	–
213	(16)	00-0	KORALDONA 6 G Balding 4-8-6	S Drowne	93
214	(15)	5003	HEIGHTH OF FAME 11 (G) J Hetherton 6-8-4	G Duffield	[illegible]
215	(3)	000-	COMIC HILL 294 (D,F) J Pearce 6-8-3	G Bardwell	89
216	(14)	-050	SWEET CISEAUX 32 (F) M Heaton-Ellis 4-7-13	J Fowle (7)	92
217	(7)	605-	THE ROUNDSILLS 190 R Johnson Houghton 3-7-13	R Mullen (5)	88
218	(13)	005-	RUNIC SYMBOL 72J (CD,F) M Blanshard 6-7-11	J Quinn	87

13-2 Riccarton, 8-1 Winston, Golden Touch, Lady Godiva, Heighth Of Fame, Sweet Ciseaux, 10-1 Mazilla, Runic Symbol, 12-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: M Prescott, 10 winners from 33 runners, 30.3%; D Nicholls, 5 from 21, 23.8%; R Charlton, 7 from 34, 20.6%; J Dunlop, 29 from 108, 18.5%; M Wane, 3 from 19, 15.8%; C Wall, 5 from 32, 15.6%.

JOCKEYS: L Dettori, 25 winners from 130 rides, 19.2%; Paul Eddery, 13 from 79, 16.5%; J Reid, 13 from 82, 15.9%; G Duffield, 16 from 109, 14.7%; T Sprake, 13 from 101, 12.9%; J Weaver, 11 from 91, 12.1%

3.25 RADCLIFFE LIMITED STAKES

(£2,277: 6f 15yd) (18)

301	(17)	-201	RIVER TERN 11 (D,F,G) [illegible] 4-9-7	J Weaver	[illegible]
302	(12)	2302	AFAAN 14 [illegible] 4-9-4	T G McLaughlin	95
303	(2)	0-00	ALFAHAAL 23 R Johnson Houghton 4-9-4	S Sanders	–
304	(6)	0-60	BATALEUR 14 (D,S) Miss J Bower 4-9-4	D Harrison	90
305	(5)	4-06	BOLD STREET 19 (D,G,S) G M Moore 7-9-4	N Carlisle	88
306	(7)	5034	CAPTAIN CARAT 7 (CD,F,G) D Nicholls 6-9-4	L Dettori	94
307	(19)	-321	CORNICHE QUEST 14 (D,F,G,S) M Channon 4-9-4	A Eddery (7)	96
308	(12)	65-0	SHAVINSKY 14 P Howling 4-9-4	Paul Eddery	92
309	(3)	0-00	ALMASI 17 (CD,F,G) C Wall 5-9-1	J Reid	98
310	(14)	-006	AL REET 15 (D,G,S) [illegible] 6-9-1	S Webster	91
311	(8)	3470	AMANY 51 [illegible] 5-9-1	D McKeown	–
312	(1)	0500	LADY WESTBURY 42 [illegible] 6-9-1	J Quinn	–
313	(4)	005-	RAMBOLD 207 (D,F,G) N Berry 6-9-1	B Doyle	93
314	(9)	-025	SONGSHEET 32 (BF,G) M Saunders 4-9-1	S Drowne	97
315	(11)	3235	CAPTAIN CARPARTS 21 (V) J Eyre 3-8-9	T Williams	95
316	(15)	0420	LA DOLCE VITA 4 (BF,G) T Barron 3-8-9	K Darley	98
317	(10)	4-12	MYTHICAL 12 (BF,G) M Prescott 3-8-6	G Duffield	96
318	(16)	23-0	ROYAL BLACKBIRD 38 (G) J Banks 3-8-6	R Mullen (5)	96

6-1 Mythical, 7-1 Captain Carat, Corniche Quest, La Dolce Vita, 8-1 River Tern, 10-1 Afaan, Almasi, Songsheet, Royal Blackbird, 12-1 others.

3.55 EBF NOVICE FILLIES STAKES

(2-Y-O: £3,542: 6f 15yd) (5)

401	(2)	01	SUPREME ANGEL 34 (F) M Muggeridge 9-0	M Henry (3)	98
402	(4)	01	GYPSY HILL 12 (G) D Haydn Jones 8-12	S Drowne	–
403	(3)		MEADGATE'S DREAMER [illegible] 8-8	T Sprake	–
404	(1)		MUFTUFFENUF [illegible] 8-8	D Harrison	–
405	(5)	3	SAFFRON LANE 7 (BF) R Hannon 8-8	L Dettori	[illegible]

6-4 Saffron Lane, 5-2 Supreme Angel, 3-1 Gypsy Hill, 11-2 Meadgate's Dreamer, 25-1 Muftufenuf.

4.25 NORWEST HOLST CONSTRUCTION HANDICAP

(3-Y-O: £3,646: 1m 6f 15yd) (10)

501	(6)	-052	SAD MAD BAD 18 (S) M Johnston 9-7	W J O'Connor	94
502	(2)	21	POLYPHONY 28 (G) [illegible] 9-5	D Harrison	94
503	(10)	0-10	TASIK CHINI 27 (G) P Cole 9-2	C Rutter	95
504	(1)	00-0	GOODWOOD LASS 24 (G) J Dunlop 9-2	L Dettori	89
505	(3)	0430	MASRRAH 11 (B) R Armstrong 8-7	J Weaver	96
506	(4)	000	MOGUL 32 (B) N Graham 8-7	A McGlone	98
507	(7)	-641	RIGHT MAN 11 (S) G Lewis 8-6 (4ex)	Paul Eddery	[illegible]
508	(5)	0-52	JUCINDA 14 J Pearce 8-5	B Doyle	95
509	(8)	0-00	CADSBURY CASTLE 11 M Blanshard 8-2	J Quinn	91
510	(9)	0-04	BISQUET-DE-BOUCHE 14 R Dickin 7-10	R Mullen (5)	98

9-2 Jucinda, 5-1 Sad Mad Bad, Polyphony, Right Man, 13-2 Tasik Chini, 8-1 Goodwood Lass, 10-1 Masrrah, Mogul, Bisquet-De-Bouche, 12-1 others.

4.55 COLWICK APPRENTICES MAIDEN HANDICAP

(£2,003: 1m 54yd) (18)

601	(3)	-000	TIME OF NIGHT 6 R Guest 4-9-12	S Righton (3)	86
602	(7)	2000	TEROAD 13 T Barron 4-9-12	Victoria Appleby (3)	96
603	(4)	-230	PERANG POLLY 25 (V) Lord Huntingdon 5-8-13	C Cogan (8)	91
604	(15)	40-0	SCOTTISH HERO 58 (B) Lady Herries 4-8-12	P Doe (3)	89
605	(2)	00-0	JIB JAB 24 Mrs N Macauley 3-8-11	C Carver (5)	86
606	(16)	00-0	ALPINE MUSIC 14 J Bradley 3-8-9	J Fowle (5)	87
607	(12)	2405	FLAGSTAFF 5 (V) K Burke 4-8-8	P Wright (10)	87
608	(13)	4-00	PUSH A VENTURE 24 S Woods 3-8-8	C Webb (3)	83
609	(5)	0-05	SPANISH WARRIOR 25 J Hills 3-8-7	A McCarthy (3)	91
610	(11)	40-0	REGAL EQUITY 25 M Pipe 3-8-6	J Wilkinson	97
611	(10)	-400	MUBARIZ 22 C Smith 5-8-5	C Lowther	97
612	(8)	-642	SQUARE MILE MISS 37 P Howling 4-8-3	J Dennis	[illegible]
613	(17)	4505	BON GUEST 17 T Naughton 3-8-1	Rachael Moody (10)	97
614	(14)	06-0	PRIME PARTNER 7 T Easterby 4-8-0	R Winston (3)	95
615	(9)	060-	SPIRAL FLYER 114J M Usher 4-7-13	R Brisland (8)	86
616	(1)	0-00	BAD NEWS 11 J Bradley 5-7-10	D Hayden (7)	82
617	(18)	454	CRACKERBOX 25 C Dwyer 3-7-10	D Williams (7)	86
618	(6)	0-06	CHALKY DANCER 41 H Collingridge 5-7-10	P Bradley (5)	94

6-1 Push A Venture, 7-1 Regal Equity, Square Mile Miss, Bon Guest, 8-1 Spanish Warrior, 10-1 Teroad, Perang Polly, Flagstaff, 12-1 others.

TOWCESTER

THUNDERER

6.20 Wise King. 6.45 Fortunes Course. 7.15 Salmon Breeze. 7.45 Gems Lad. 8.15 Mill O'The Rags. 8.45 Talathath.

GOING: GOOD SIS

6.20 YARDLEY GRAPHICS NOVICES HURDLE

(£2,408: 2m) (13 runners)

1	3411	NORDANCE PRINCE 9 (D,F) Miss V Williams 6-12-0	N Williamson
2	5	BELARUS 11 Mrs I McKie 5-11-0	W McFarland
3	5F	CHARIOT MAN 13 Mrs S Smith 5-11-0	R Guest
4	P	FRIAR'S OAK 18 P Butler 5-11-0	Mr D McPhail (7)
5	0	HIGH PITCH 41 N Gaselee 5-11-0	W Marston
6	-004	ORCHARD KING 14 O Brennan 7-11-0	M Brennan
7	033F	POSITIVO 2 Miss C Caroe 6-11-0	D Leahy
8	5F-0	RARE GIFT 18 D Nicholson 6-11-0	R Johnson
9	3F22	WISE KING 16 (D,BF,G) J Old 7-11-0	C Llewellyn
10	UR52	JAMAICAN FLIGHT 13F Mrs S Lamyman 4-10-9	J Railton
11	0	OVER AND UNDER 11 Mrs I McKie 4-10-9	L Harvey
12	0056	THE BIZZO 11 J Panvert 6-10-9	P Henley (3)
13	12/0	UR ONLY YOUNG ONCE 11 (D,F) Mrs D Haine 7-10-9	A P McCoy

7-4 Wise King, 3-1 Nordance Prince, 8-1 Jamaican Flight, 10-1 Orchard King, Ur Only Young Once, 12-1 Positivo, Rare Gift, 16-1 others

6.45 NATIONAL LETTERBOX MARKETING HANDICAP CHASE SKY

(£3,137: 3m 1f) (8)

1	1P11	FUNCHEON GALE 16 (C,F,G,S) R Curtis 10-11-13	D Morris
2	0323	HARRISTOWN LADY 13 (B,CD,F,G) G Balding 10-11-11	A P McCoy
3	113U	JIM VALENTINE 32 (CD,F,S) D Wintle 11-11-8	W Marston
4	2051	FORTUNES COURSE 12F (F,G,S) J King 8-11-6	T J Murphy
5	24-2	MARTELL BOY 13 (S) Miss V Williams 10-11-5	N Williamson
6	1-15	NOVA CHAMP 13 (D,BF,G) Mrs S Smith 9-10-10	G F Ryan (3)
7	PP03	VICAR OF BRAY 20 (V,F,G) L Wells 10-10-10	M Richards
8	PPFP	BOTTLE BLACK 16 (B,S) T Head 10-10-3	C Llewellyn

11-4 Fortunes Course, 3-1 Funcheon Gale, 5-1 Martell Boy, Nova Champ, 13-2 Harristown Lady, 8-1 Jim Valentine, 20-1 Vicar Of Bray, 33-1 Bottle Black

7.15 WHITSUN NOVICES HURDLE SKY

(£2,952: 3m) (8)

1	211P	SALMON BREEZE 49 (C,D,F,G) N Henderson 6-11-12	M A Fitzgerald
2	3321	NORDIC SPREE 11 (V,C,S) G L Moore 5-11-6	P Holley
3	P	ARCTIC CHARMER 63 Mrs S Odell 5-11-0	Mr J Goldstein (7)
4	3635	ERNI 14 T Tate 5-11-0	R Garritty
5	6	INISHMANN 32 A P Jones 6-11-0	P Ryan (7)
6	4354	LEAP FROG 24 N Gaselee 6-11-0	W Marston
7	/2-P	TIRLEY MISSILE 95 (D,F,S) J Smith 11-11-0	Mr O McPhail (7)
8	-400	TULLOW LADY 13 O Brennan 6-10-9	M Brennan

11-10 Salmon Breeze, 3-1 Nordic Spree, 9-2 Leap Frog, 8-1 Erni, 16-1 Tirley Missile, Tullow Lady, 50-1 others.

7.45 BROADWAYS STAMPINGS NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE SKY

(£3,183: 2m 6f) (13)

1	15P2	CARDINAL RULE 28 (G,S) Miss V Williams 8-11-10	N Williamson
2	-R35	PERSIAN VIEW 13 (D,G,S) K Bailey 7-11-10	A Thornton
3	PF35	COUNTRY STORE 16 (D,BF,S) A P Jones 8-11-8	S McNeill
4	1F14	GEMS LAD 35 (F,G) Mrs S Smith 10-11-6	R Guest
5	4065	STAGE PLAYER 9 (F,G,S) Miss C Caroe 11-10-13	I Lawrence
6	1140	ROSIE-B 85 (D,G,S) N Babbage 7-10-10	V Slattery
7	56F1	THUNDER ROAD 23 (F) Mrs H Knight 6-10-9	J Culloty
8	/546	KING'S RAINBOW 16 (G) Mrs D Haine 8-10-6	P Henley (3)
9	-115	GLENBRICKEN 18 (F,G) Miss A Embiricos 11-10-5	R Johnson
10	40P3	GOLDEN DRUM 31 (B,S) T George 7-10-3	T J Murphy
11	-066	BETTER FUTURE 13 (G,S) T Keddy 8-10-7	D Gallagher
12	FFPP	GERRY'S PRIDE 13 J Mullins 6-10-0	S Curran
13	POPP	MUSICAL HIT 11 (B) P Pritchard 6-10-0	R Supple

3-1 Thunder Road, 11-2 Gems Lad, 13-2 Cardinal Rule, 8-1 Persian View, Country Store, Stage Player, King's Rainbow, 10-1 others

8.15 TOWCESTER HANDICAP CHASE SKY

(£3,468: 2m 110yd) (4)

1	/U12	RABA RIBA 44 (F,G) J Spearing 12-12-5	V Slattery
2	-U05	SOCIETY GUEST 24 (CD,F,G,S) A Turnell 11-11-11	L Harvey
3	1522	MILL O'THE RAGS 8 (CD,BF,F,G) Mrs D Haine 8-10-5	P Henley (3)
4	2FP2	MINE'S AN ACE 18 (D,F,G,S) Miss V Williams 10-10-3	R Greene

2-1 Mill O'The Rags, 5-2 Mine's An Ace, 3-1 Raba Riba, Society Guest

8.45 ON CUE DESIGN HANDICAP HURDLE SKY

(£2,840: 2m) (9)

1	1411	TALATHATH 27 (D,F,G) D Nicholson 5-12-0	Mr R Thornton (3)
2	1016	JOHN DRUMM 28 (D,F,G,S) P Webber 6-11-13	J Osborne
3	5111	ELA AGAPI MOU 18 (F,G,S) G L Moore 4-11-12	M Batchelor (7)
4	2043	JOSIFINA 20 (CD,F,S) A Forbes 6-11-8	A Thornton
5	/P04	BALLET ROYAL 10 (G,S) H Manners 8-11-5	A Dowling (7)
6	51P6	PREROGATIVE 10 (D,F,G,S) G L Moore 7-11-4	A P McCoy
7	2260	NO LIGHT 21 (CD,F,G,S) Mrs I McKie 10-10-11	L Harvey
8	1522	ABOVE THE CUT 13 (D,BF,F) C Morlock 5-10-9	M Handley (7)
9	1524	FONTANAYS 13 (V,D,G,S) G McCourt 9-10-8	R Studholme (7)

3-1 Talathath, 9-2 Ela Agapi Mou, 5-1 Above The Cut, 6-1 John Drumm, 8-1 No Light, 10-1 Josifina, Prerogative, Fontanays, 12-1 Ballet Royal

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: D Nicholson, 26 winners from 65 runners, 40.0%; R Curtis, 6 from 20, 30.0%; G L Moore, 3 from 10, 30.0%; J Spearing, 3 from 11, 27.3%; N Henderson, 8 from 41, 19.5%; K Bailey, 11 from 59, 18.6%.

JOCKEYS: D Morris, 6 winners from 18 rides, 33.3%; J Culloty, 4 from 18, 22.2%; Martin Brennan, 22 from 105, 21.0%; R Johnson, 8 from 44, 18.2%; A P McCoy, 7 from 39, 17.9%; J Osborne, 14 from 79, 17.7%.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Brighton: 4.10 Dande Flyer. 4.40 Stock Hill Dancer. Nottingham: 2.25 Racing Hawk. 2.55 Super High. 3.25 Captain Carparts. 4.25 Masrrah, Mogul. 4.55 Scottish Hero. Pontefract: 6.40 Miletrian City. Towcester: 6.45 Bottle Black.

BRIGHTON

THUNDERER

2.10 Lobuche
2.40 Bowled Over
3.10 Montfort
3.40 Worldwide Elsie
4.10 Crystal Heights
4.40 Chloe Nicole

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.10 **MONTFORT.**

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing; J if jumps, F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

GOING: FIRM TOTE JACKPOT MEETING
DRAW: 5F-6F, LOW NUMBERS BEST SIS

2.10 VICTORIA GARDENS SELLING STAKES

(2-Y-O: £1,985: 5f 213yd) (8 runners)

101	(7)		CHIKA SHAN (B Smart) B Smart 8-11	R Cochrane	–
102	(6)	5	DANDE TIMES 24 (Dandelion Distribution) [illegible] 8-11	S Whitworth	64
103	(5)		GREENBROOK (Mrs L Green) W G M Turner 8-11	R Havlin (3)	–
104	(1)	04	LOBUCHE 17 [illegible] R Hannon 8-11	Dane O'Neill	[illegible]
105	(4)	60	THE HOBBY LOBBY 45 (P Savill) M Channon 8-11	P P Murphy (5)	[illegible]
106	(6)	5236	WHO NOSE 42 (B) [illegible] 8-11	R Hughes	[illegible]
107	(2)	40	CALLIRAM 17 [illegible] 8-6	N Adams	[illegible]
109	(3)	5	PRIMAHEIGHTS 31 (T Jones) T Jones 8-6	A Daly (5)	[illegible]

BETTING: 9-4 Lobuche, 3-1 Dande Times, 6-1 Chika Shan, 7-1 Greenbrook, Who Nose, 10-1 The Hobby Lobby, Calliram, Primaheights.

1996: MEETING ABANDONED — FOG

FORM FOCUS

CHIKA SHAM (foaled Apr 28, cost 1,000gns) half-brother to Higher Hamill, fairly useful 5f-7f juvenile winner and Fuchsia Belle, Irish 1m-1m 2f winner, dam unraced. DANDE TIMES about 8l 5th of 11 to Ballet Rambert in auction maiden at Bath (5f, good to firm). GREENBROOK (May 3) half-brother to Only In Gest, 5f juvenile winner, dam 1m winner at four years. LOBUCHE about 6½l 4th of 6 to Autogny in maiden here (5f 213yd, good to firm). WHO NOSE about ¾l 3rd of 7 to Sage in seller at Wolverhampton (5f, AW) with THE HOBBY LOBBY 6l 7th. CALLIRAM about 6l 4th of 9 to [illegible] in seller at Folkestone (5f, good to firm). No selection

2.40 GRAND PARADE LIMITED STAKES

(£2,940: 1m 3f 196yd) (11 runners)

201	(9)	401020	AT LIBERTY 15 (D,F,G) (B Adams) R Hannon 5-9-10	R Perham	92
202	(11)	-10000	OPERA BUFF 8 (D,F,G,S) (D Watson) Miss G Kelleway 6-9-10	A Whelan (3)	85
203	(2)	65500-	APOLLONO 66J (C,F) (Walgrove International) R Lee 5-9-8	G Carter	87
204	(7)	0-0400	BOWLED OVER 9 (D,G) (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 4-9-8	R Cochrane	93
205	(4)	00-524	CHARNWOOD JACK 24 (T Dawson) I Campbell 4-9-8	R Price	91
206	(1)	1316-0	FLORENTINO 37 (F,G) (Lady Harrison) B Hills 4-9-8	D Holland	87
207	(6)	6320-0	ISITOFF 18 (D,G) (J Brown) S Williams 4-9-8	P McCabe (3)	88
208	(9)	6-4056	MONTECRISTO 69 (D,F,G) (R Guest) R Guest 4-9-8	P Bloomfield	89
209	(5)	20-250	RENOWN 53 (CD,F,G) [illegible] Lord Huntingdon 5-9-8	T Quinn	[illegible]
210	(3)	056-54	BRONZE MAQUETTE 15 (G) (N Cockerham Stables) [illegible] 7-9-5	M Gallagher	65
211	(10)	00-154	COUNT TONY 18 (V,F) (One Dream Plus) S Woods 3-9-7	A Clark	92

BETTING: 7-2 Florentino, 9-2 Renown, 11-2 Count Tony, 6-1 Charnwood Jack, 8-1 At Liberty, Opera Buff, Isitoff, 12-1 others.

FORM FOCUS

AT LIBERTY short-head 2nd of 10 to Carlito Marc in claimer at Southwell (1m 4f, AW). CHARNWOOD JACK ¾l 2nd of 11 to Rising Spray in handicap at Folkestone (1m 4f, good to firm). FLORENTINO beat Classic Defence 1¼l in handicap at Bath (1m 2f, good to firm). July 96 ISITOFF *2½l 2nd of 5 to Cumbrian Maestro in handicap at* Beverley (1m 2f good to firm). Aug 96 RENOWN 2¾l 5th of 12 to Secret Aly in handicap at Lingfield (1m 2f, AW). COUNT TONY beat Tango King ½l in handicap at Warwick (1m 3f, good to firm). Selection: AT LIBERTY

3.10 FESTIVAL MAIDEN STAKES

(£3,518: 1m 3f 196yd) (6 runners)

301	(6)	6	BURN OUT 20 (Al Yancy Pine) J Pearce 5-9-13	M Wigham	70
302	(2)	0	GLOWING MOON 27 (Whitcombe Racing) Miss G Kelleway 4-9-8	R Hughes	–
303	(1)	362	FOREIGN RULE 18 (BF) (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 3-8-10	R Havlin (3)	90
304	(5)	50	LAUREL SEEKER 24 (G Harwood) Mrs A Perrett 3-8-10	Gaye Harwood (7)	80
305	(4)	0-3	MONTFORT 17 (G Meyrick) P Cole 3-8-10	T Quinn	[illegible]
306	(3)	3-	HOPE CHEST 255 (S Manana) D Loder 3-8-5	D R McCabe	95

BETTING: 6-4 Montfort, 9-4 Foreign Rule, 3-1 Hope Chest, 14-1 Glowing Moon, Laurel Seeker, 20-1 Burn Out.

FORM FOCUS

BURN OUT 26¾l 6th of 11 to Winter Garden in maiden at Thirsk (1m 4f, firm). GLOWING MOON 79l 14th of 16 to Rocky Oasis in maiden at Leicester (1m 2f, good to soft). FOREIGN RULE 3l 2nd of 7 to Stakis Casinos Boy in maiden at Newcastle (1m 2f, good to firm). LAUREL SEEKER about 10l 5th of 9 to Premier Night in maiden at Folkestone (1m 4f, firm). *MONTFORT 4¾l 3rd of* 10 to Conon Falls in maiden at Chester (1m 2f 75yd, soft). HOPE CHEST 1¼l 3rd of 14 to Corsini in maiden at Lingfield (7f, good to firm). Sep 96. Selection: FOREIGN RULE

3.40 JIM TAYLOR MEMORIAL FILLIES HANDICAP

(£3,226: 7f 214yd) (15 runners)

401	(4)	061-26	ALWAYS HAPPY 71J (D,F) (C Fleet) Miss G Kelleway 4-10-0	R Hughes	90
402	(13)	22-320	PASSAGE CREEPING 92 (P Jacobs) S Dow 4-9-8	A Daly (5)	91
403	(3)	30000-	RISKING 185 (M Dunn) M Channon 4-8-13	P P Murphy (5)	–
404	(1)	-50503	WORLDWIDE ELSIE 14 (B,D,F,G) (Classic Bloodstock) I Campbell 4-8-11	R Price	[illegible]
405	(2)	460-04	WHISPERED MELODY 32 (D Hillyard) R Akehurst 4-8-11	T Quinn	90
406	(7)	550-1	GOOD NEWS 17 (B,C,F) (T Burrage) M Madgwick 3-8-11	R Perham	94
407	(10)	056-00	RUMBUSTIOUS 6 (C,F) (C Curtis) R Hannon 3-8-10	Dane O'Neill	89
408	(6)	06-413	TAYOVULLIN 45 (BF,G) (Beach Club) H Morrison 3-8-9	R Cochrane	90
409	(9)	200-40	CHORUS SONG 17 (BF) (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 3-8-9	R Havlin (3)	95
410	(15)	0-0006	TIME FOR TEA 18 (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 4-8-8	D O'Shea	93
411	(11)	-50002	PEARL DAWN 6 (CD,F,G) (Mrs E Reep) P Clarke 7-8-8	Candy Morris	94
412	(8)	30-526	SIS GARDEN 11 (G) (A Spargo Ltd) J Cullinan 4-8-6	D O'Donohoe (3)	98
413	(14)	02-000	MOGIN 17 (C,F) (Miss L Elliott) T Naughton 4-8-4	J D Smith (3)	89
414	(12)	244154	HARLEQUIN WALK 20J (B,G) (Mrs R Doorgachurn) R O'Sullivan 6-7-12	J Lowe	97
415	(5)	550446	LUCY OF ARABIA 9 (B) (J Sheehan) J Sheehan 3-7-10	Martin Dwyer (3)	93

BETTING: 9-2 Chorus Song, 5-1 Tayovullin, 6-1 Good News, 7-1 Whispered Melody, 8-1 Rumbustious, 10-1 Always Happy, Pearl Dawn, 16-1 others.

FORM FOCUS

WORLDWIDE ELSIE 7¾l 3rd of 12 to Mono Lady in handicap at Lingfield (1m 2f, AW) with PEARL DAWN (2lb better off) 36¼l 12th. WHISPERED *MELODY* about 1l 4th of 15 to Saley Ana in handicap over course and distance (firm) with PEARL DAWN (3lb better off) 10l 10th. GOOD NEWS beat Going Green 2l in 9-runner claimer here (7f, good to firm). TAYOVULLIN beat Giesaire neck in 7-runner handicap at Southwell (7f, AW). CHORUS SONG about 8½l 4th of 15 to Angel Face in handicap at Thirsk (1m, good to firm). PEARL *DAWN head 2nd of 20 to Bright Paragon in handicap* at Lingfield (5f, good). SIS GARDEN 3l 2nd of 12 to Theatre Magic in handicap at Wolverhampton (7f, AW). Selection: WHISPERED MELODY

4.10 DOME HANDICAP

(£3,148: 5f 213yd) (13 runners)

501	(2)	10-060	CRYSTAL HEIGHTS 24 (CD,F,G) (J Joseph) R O'Sullivan 9-10-0	D O'Donohoe (3)	91
502	(10)	502000	DANDE FLYER 13 (V,F,G) (Dandelion Ltd) D Arbuthnot 4-10-0	S Whitworth	98
503	(7)	4160-6	GWESPYR 25 (F,G) (M al-Shuaibi) R Hannon 4-9-13	Dane O'Neill	89
504	(1)	300-2	MARENGO 17 (BF) (J Sharp) J Akehurst 3-9-8	T Quinn	94
505	(4)	035342	LANCASHIRE LEGEND 90 (G) (B Taker & D Wilson) S Dow 4-9-4	A Daly (5)	[illegible]
506	(5)	143000	IVORY'S GRAB HIRE 4 (B,F,G) (D Ivory) K Ivory 4-9-4	Martin Dwyer (3)	92
507	(9)	104554	SHARP IMP 42 (B,CD,F,G) (Mrs G Temmerman) R Flower 7-9-4	D Holland	90
508	(8)	5-3015	COLLEGE NIGHT 11 (CD,F) (Mrs C Dunnett) S C Williams 5-8-8	P McCabe (3)	94
509	(6)	00000-	SUPER PARK 171 (D,S) (J Pearce) J Pearce 5-8-8	M Wigham	95
510	(13)	530232	JUSTINIANUS 17 (D,G,S) (M Pascall) J Bridger 5-8-5	A Whelan (3)	96
511	(11)	68000-	INVIGILATE 226 (D,F,G) (T Staunton) M Channon 8-8-3	P P Murphy (5)	98
512	(3)	5565-0	LORINS GOLD 14 (CD,F) (Mrs M Taylor) A Turnell 7-7-12	N Adams	92
513	(12)	0-0600	SHERMOOD 4 (Mrs V Hubbard) K Ivory 4-7-10	J Lowe	88

Long handicap: Shermood 7-7

BETTING: 4-1 Marengo, 9-2 Justinianus, 7-1 Dande Flyer, Sharp Imp, College Night, 10-1 Crystal Heights, Gwespyr, Lancashire Legend, 16-1 others

FORM FOCUS

GWESPYR about 5¼l 6th of 17 to Night Flight in handicap at Pontefract (6f, good). LANCASHIRE LEGEND 1¼l 2nd of 6 to Sweet Wilhelmina in limited stakes at Lingfield (7f, AW). Feb 97. SHARP IMP 3l 4th of 9 to Spender in handicap over course and distance (firm) with CRYSTAL HEIGHTS (2lb better off) 1½l 6th. COLLEGE NIGHT beat MARENGO (3lb better off) 1¼l in 14-runner handicap over course and distance (good to firm). JUSTINIANUS 1¼l 2nd of 17 to Apollo Red in handicap here (7f, good to firm) with SHERMOOD (5lb better off) 23¾l 16th. LORINS GOLD about 2¼l 6th of 15 to Ashkernazy in apprentice handicap at Windsor (5f, good to firm) with JUSTINIANUS (6lb worse off) 1¼l 8th. Selection: JUSTINIANUS (nap)

4.40 BRIGHTON CENTRE HANDICAP

(3-Y-O: £2,914: 5f 59yd) (10 runners)

601	(6)	3-4442	NOPALEA 24 (T Naughton) T Naughton 9-7	J D Smith (3)	88
602	(9)	210106	EAGER TO PLEASE 6 (B,D,F,G) (Mrs J Crowley) Miss G Kelleway 9-6	D Holland	96
603	(5)	604-0	STOCK HILL DANCER 11 (B) (Mrs M Fairbairn) B Meehan 9-4	G Hannon (7)	86
604	(7)	4-00	CHLOE NICOLE 18 (C Wright) P Cole 9-2	T Quinn	94
605	(1)	3-4060	ANOKATO 4 (B,D,F) (K Ivory) K Ivory 9-0	Martin Dwyer (3)	96
606	(10)	24006-	EATON PARK 241 (Money Med) R Akehurst 8-9	A Clark	98
607	(8)	6236-3	GOLD EDGE 58 (M Channon) M Channon 8-9	P P Murphy (5)	[illegible]
608	(4)	6046-	BESTELINA 167 (Crown Pkg) D Cosgrove 8-8	D O'Donohoe (3)	85
609	(3)	0-0302	NAMPARA BAY 9 (L Howe) G Bravery 8-3	D O'Shea	98
610	(2)	606-4	FORMIDABLE SPIRIT 122 (V) (F Sainsbury) M Heaton-Ellis 7-10	J Lowe	94

Long handicap: Formidable Spirit 7-5

BETTING: 7-2 Nampara Bay, 4-1 Gold Edge, 9-2 Nopalea, 11-2 Eager To Please, 13-2 Stock Hill Dancer, 10-1 Chloe Nicole, 12-1 Eaton Park, 14-1 others.

FORM FOCUS

NOPALEA 1½l 2nd of 10 to Cauda Equina in seller at Bath (5f, good to firm). EAGER TO PLEASE beat Enchanting Eve neck in 5-runner handicap at Lingfield (7f, AW). STOCK HILL DANCER 7¾l 4th of 13 to Unshaken in auction maiden at Folkestone (5f, good to soft). Oct 96. GOLD EDGE 2½l 3rd of 8 to Royal Blackbird in seller over course and distance (good), Oct 96. NAMPARA SPIRIT head 2nd of 14 to Dayrella in handicap at Lingfield (6f, AW). FORMIDABLE SPIRIT 8l 4th of 9 to Countless Times in handicap at Lingfield (6f, AW). Selection: EAGER TO PLEASE

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
D Loder	4	13	30.8	T Quinn	48	202	23.8
R Akehurst	20	85	23.5	R Hughes	11	60	18.3
Lord Huntingdon	7	32	21.9	Dane O'Neill	13	74	17.6
S Woods	5	23	21.7	M Wigham	4	24	16.7
J Pearce	5	24	20.8	D R McCabe	3	19	15.8
Miss G Kelleway	9	47	19.1	J D Smith	4	27	14.8

Derby winner Henbit put down

HENBIT, winner of the 1980 Derby despite sustaining a hairline fracture to a cannon-bone during the race, has been put down after sustaining injuries to muscles in his back while covering a mare last week. The stallion was found collapsed in his box at the Helshaw Grange Stud, in Shropshire, on Wednesday morning.

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Jenkins to engineer more glory

Andrew Longmore on the driving force behind the Stewart team's flying start

With ten laps to go in the Monaco *Grand Prix*, visitors to the pit-lane garage of the Stewart grand prix team would have been greeted by a strange sight. A row of engineers lined up with their backs to the computer screens on *which* every agonising detail of Rubens *Barrichello's* historic drive was being laid bare.

It smacked of the laconic humour of A J. Alan Jenkins, the technical director of Stewart Racing, who has John Lennon glasses and a benign, *professorial, air. There* was nothing more they could do, so why, thought Jenkins, tear themselves apart waiting for the oil pressure to blow. Better to look the other way. "We only lasted two seconds, then we had to *turn round and* watch again," Jenkins said.

And when the Brazilian crossed the finishing line and Jackie Stewart and son Paul added their tears to the rain and danced an impromptu jig outside. Jenkins stroked his greying beard and thought that yes, second place *in only* their fifth grand prix was quite *nice and wondered whether he* could catch the early flight home. Typical engineer, that.

"They all accused me of being a real misery. It sounds corny. I know, but I was really just thrilled for everyone else. It was only when I sat at home with my wife that I thought: '*Christ, that was good, wasn't* it?' The accent still has traces of his native Liverpool, though he now lives on a farm in Buckinghamshire. As he talks, he wipes imaginary crumbs off his desk, the one outward glimpse of a meticulous mind.

This weekend, at the Span*ish Grand Prix in Barcelona, it* will be back to business as *usual for* Jenkins and his team — but with a difference. At Monaco, their motorhome was banished to Alcatraz, the multi-storey car park reserved for juniors. Not only can they hold their heads high down *the pit-lane now, for the first* time they are not flying blind. *The team practised* at the Circuit de Catalunya in February and have some data to prove it, which marks another little step forward.

In a team's first season, a designer can easily succumb to a sense of isolation. *Being* the only one working until *4am before race day, again.* Being the only one to arrive at the races *early. Looking* nervously around at the airport to see if everyone else has spare parts strapped to their suitcases and a £2,000 bill for excess baggage.

Having a blank computer screen, a *host of ideas* and 3,000 parts of a jigsaw to fit *together is a peculiarly heavy*weight kind of freedom. The designer of a new Formula One car has no one else to blame. In Australia, for the opening race of the season, Jenkins had three hours sleep *in three days. Not until two* races later, in Argentina, could he afford the time to look around.

It has been a meteoric rise. Jenkins began in March 1996 with nothing but a hefty sheaf of regulations and some impressive mileage, with *McLaren, Penske and* Footwork, on his CV. By December 10, his first car was ready for launch. There was no time for pencil and paper. The whole car was designed on computer, a first for Formula One.

As the car turned its *first wheel at 5am on* the morning of the launch, almost every one of the 60-strong workforce was there to applaud. The car reflected the man himself — neat, workmanlike, unfussy. More importantly, it proved competitive straight out of the box, *a feat of engineering that* only designers and drivers can *fully appreciate.* Jenkins said that the car gave him a good feeling: Barrichello was noticeably cheered, even after a handful of laps in the rain at Silverstone last Christmas.

The legacy of Monaco will be heightened expectation, as Jenkins is all too aware. The *car has yet to finish* a race at full throttle and the long straight and sweeping turns in Spain will not be ideal for the underpowered Stewart-Fords. All that can wait. Last Friday, at the Milton Keynes headquarters of the team, the celebrations were still in full *flow and the mood was eu*phoric. At Monaco, in the shop window of Formula One, Stewart had posed and performed with the best.

"The team is coming together as a proper team," Jenkins said. "Monaco made others respect us and gave us a lot of confidence. *We now just* have to keep chipping away with *the odd point here and there.*" Typical engineer, that.

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José Maria Olazábal plays his second shot at the 1st hole during the pro-am event on the eve of the *Volvo PGA Championship at Wentworth* yesterday

Hudson clears two hurdles

By Patricia Davies

REBECCA HUDSON, the leading qualifier, from Yorkshire, disposed of two doughty *opponents, in Marilyn Hen*derson and Fiona Brown, to make her way into the third round of the English women's amateur championship at Saunton yesterday. Hudson now meets Elaine Ratcliffe, a fellow England international, who beat Emma Duggleby, *the former British champion,* from the Malton and Norton *club, by 3 and 2.*

In two epic battles on a chilly, grey afternoon, Kate Egford and Kim Rostron, winner of the Helen Holm at Troon in April, scraped through at the 20th against Lynda Simpson and Chloe Ritson respectively.

Simpson, née Moore, who played in the Curtis Cup at St Pierre in 1980, has been Cornish champion for the past three years and decided to make a return to the national fairways at an event so close to *home. Egford, who lectures in* sports science at Preston College, won the 11th and 12th, thanks to a couple of ropey iron shots by Simpson, who was fighting a migraine, to go two holes up. Annoyed with herself, Simpson struck an immaculate eight-iron to four feet at the 13th and was conceded a birdie two when Egford three-putted.

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She squared the match at the 16th, where Egford missed a putt of barely three feet, and *Simpson stayed level* by holing from eight feet for a half in par threes at the tough 17th. Then she sank a nerve-racking five-footer for her par four at the last, where Egford put the lapse at the 16th out of her *mind* and rolled home a three-footer.

Two unsuspecting men, who had just driven off, were cleared out of the way and the battle continued. The 19th was halved in par fours before Egford birdied the 20th, to end the suffering of the freezing *spectators.*

Rostron, who had never previously played Ritson, a county colleague, was pushed all the way by the 18-year-old from Ormskirk. Two holes down with two to play, Ritson, a bit of an escape artist, squared the match with successive threes, but *at the* 20th, however, the strain told. *She duck-hooked her* second shot into thick rough and Rostron won the match with a par five.

BADMINTON

Hall offers hope ahead of vital tie

By Richard Eaton

ENGLAND meet Sweden in the Sudirman Cup world team championships in Glasgow today knowing that they must *win to retain a place in the top* group of six nations. They lost 4-1 to South Korea, the former champions, on Wednesday night, but were given some hope by an outstanding performance from Darren Hall.

The former European champion was playing in his *first significant* tournament since an Achilles injury kept him out of action for three months, but still recorded the best singles victory by an *English player for five years to* beat Park Sung-Woo, the world championships' silver medal-winner, 15-5, 17-15.

Hall saved five game points *in a display full of smooth* movement, silken net shots and well- disguised overheads, whether dropped or smashed. It brought the match scores level at 1-1, but his team-mates were unable to *build on his endeavours.*

Julia Mann could win only six points in her defeat by Kim Ji-Hyun, an Olympic semi-finalist, and Simon Archer and Chris Hunt were also beaten in straight games by *Ha Tae-Kwon* and Kang Kyung-Jin, the All-England men's doubles champions.

Archer and Julie Bradbury pushed Kim Dong-Moon and Ra Kyung-Min, the best mixed doubles pair in the world, all the way before losing 15-13, 15-11, and Bradbury and Donna Kellogg then lost in the women's doubles.

Steve Baddeley, the team *manager,* was *nevertheless* optimistic. "His performance was exceptional," Baddeley said of Hall. "We are only one notch behind world forces like Korea and China. We are probably slight favourites against Sweden."

WORD-WATCHING

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DAVACH

(c) An ancient Scottish measure of land, consisting in the east of Scotland of 4 ploughgates, each of 8 oxgangs. In the west it was divided into 20 pennylands. It is said to have averaged 416 acres, but its extent probably varied with the quality of the land. The conjectured derivation from *damh* an ox is erroneous. The word comes from the Old Irish *dabach* a vat or tub used as a measure of corn.

ESPADON

(a) A long two-handed sword used from the 15th to the 17th centuries. A Continental claymore. The augmentative of the Spanish *espada* a sword. "The horseman's huge espadon of six feet long."

DANTE

(a) Some African quadruped. From the Italian. Florio, 1598, first described it: "*A kind of great wilde beast in Affrike* having a very hard skin." The Spanish settlers in South America called the American tapir a dante, by transferred use. "Buffles and Dantes (of whose hard skins they make all their targets) range in herds up and down the woods."

ENROUGH

(b) To make (the sea) rough. Browning, *Sordello*, 1840: "He snuffs/ The aroused hurrican, ere it enroughs/ The sea."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

1 ... Nf3+! 2 gxf3 (2 Kh1 Nxd4 wins a piece) 2 ... Bxd4+ 3 cxd4 Qxb5 winning.

Sitcom Weekend:
Savour a feast of classic comedy dished up this weekend

TELEVISION CHOICE

Poetry on the underground

Scene: Poetry Backpack
BBC2, Noon

Dashing round London as if he had a train to catch, Nigel Planer presents a chummy introduction to the life and works of William Blake. Eventually Planer does catch a train, and the footage of his Tube ride provides an unlikely but effective counterpoint to his subject's most famous poem, *The Tyger. Most* famous, that is, if you discount *Jerusalem*, which is relegated to a tail-piece. But Planer covers a lot in a short time and a programme intended for schools stands as an intelligent and accessible briefing for adults as well. While Planer establishes Blake as a loner, and a challenger to authority, religious as well as civil, *the Scottish poet Liz* Lochhead teases out the meanings in Blake's verse. The other films in the series are a study of Seamus Heaney and a self-portrait by the Caribbean-born poet, Grace Nichols.

Visions of Snowdonia: The Birdman
BBC2, 8.00pm

If there is one thing that stirs the *normally placid* Iolo Williams to anger, it is people who steal eggs from birds' nests. Destroying the habitats of birds by putting land under forestry comes a close second. Williams is a warden for the Royal Society for the Protection of *Birds, and Snowdonia is his* patch. No endangered species could have a more passionate champion. One of his favourite birds is the hen harrier, but numbers are dwindling. The black grouse is another declining species. *Meanwhile the egg thieves are doing their worst.* Birds of prey have been badly hit and Williams is watching a chough's nest that has been robbed two years in a row. He says he cannot understand the mentality of people who do it. His other comments are *more forthright.*

See You Friday
ITV, 8.30pm

Alan Whiting's romantic comedy continues to make the most of a simple formula. The *holiday* romance which began for Greg (Neil Pearson) and Lucy (Joanna Roth) on Crete has gone on hold now that the couple are back in England and living 250 miles apart. Even when they do try to meet, you can bet that something will go wrong at the last *minute. It was shrewd* of Whiting to make Greg a detective. It is an axiom of television drama (and, perhaps, of real life as well) that a police officer is never allowed to be off duty. He can hardly sit down to a meal, let alone conduct a love affair with *somebody on the other* side of the country, before the bleeper summons him back to the nick. Poor Joanna is going to have to get used to it. She could, of course, ditch Greg and find herself a more accessible boyfriend. But that would be the end of *the series.*

Portrait of William Blake (BBC2, noon)

Cybill
Channel 4, 9.00pm

There are suggestions that one of Michael Jackson's first acts as the new head of Channel 4 will be to cut down on American imports in favour of more home-grown material. But if Jackson starts dropping American sitcoms there is no guarantee, given the present dire state of the genre in Britain, *that he will find anything on this side of* the Atlantic to take their place. *Cybill* and its like seem safe, for a while at least. Now entering its third series, the show slips down easily enough but continues to promise rather than deliver. You feel *there should more to extract from the dilemmas of* a fortyish single mother trying to juggle career, children and former husbands than smart one-liners. But the parallels between the fictional heroine and Cybill Shepherd, the actress who *plays her, continue to intrigue.* **Peter Waymark**

RADIO CHOICE

Law in Action
Radio 4, 8.50pm

A new series of the programme that consistently pulls off the difficult trick of being essential listening for lawyers and accessible to mere *mortals. Marcel Berlins helps make the* programme what it is by cutting through the mumbo-jumbo of law with the result that the mealy-mouthed are liable to be given short shrift. Berlins has been to America for tonight's programme, *which looks at the increasing number of* smokers bringing class actions against the tobacco industry. There are clear lessons for Britain but there is also the issue of whether manufacturers of other products could find themselves being sued. The rest of *this American edition* covers the Supreme Court and jury selection.

Brass Showcase: Talent 2000
Radio 2, 9.30pm

Music for brass instruments receives surprisingly little exposure given that Britain has such a fine tradition in the genre. The tradition is so *entrenched that for* all the colliery closures in the past decade, the colliery band is often the only thing surviving from the days when coal was king. The focus tonight is on soloists, featuring eight of the rising stars in brass music: it is heartening that *so many young people* are taking to *this musical* form. Sheona White, a Radio 2 Young Musician winner, plays two tenor horn solos. Richard Marshall, principal cornet with the Grimethorpe Colliery Band, plays *The Debutante* by Herbert Clarke. The *accompaniment* is provided by Salford University Brass Band. **Peter Barnard**

RADIO 1

7.00am Mark Radcliffe **9.00** Simon Mayo **12.00** Jo Whiley **2.00pm** Nicky Campbell, includes Afternoon Lovefeast **4.00** Kevin Greening **6.15** Newsbeat **6.30** Pete Tong — *Essential Selection* **10.00** Stone Free Dance Extravaganza **3.00am** Charlie Jordan

RADIO 2

6.00am Sarah Kennedy **7.30** Wake Up to Wogan **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **1.30pm** Diane Louise Jordan **3.00** *Ed Stewart* **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Hubert Gregg **7.30** Friday Night is Music Night. Live from the Bridgewater Hall, Manchester **9.15** Last Orders (7/8) **9.30** Brass Showcase: Talent 2000. See Choice **10.00** Sheridan Morley **11.00** The Jacques Loussier Trio **12.05am** Charles Nove

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am *Morning Reports* **6.00** *The Breakfast Programme* **9.00** The Magazine **12.00** Midday with Mair **2.00** Ruscoe on Five **4.00** John Inverdale Nationwide **7.00** News Extra **7.20** Friday Sport. Features coverage of all of tonight's Super League action including Bradford v Oldham and Wigan v Castleford **10.00** Paper Talk **11.00** News Extra **12.00** After Hours with Alan Beswick **2.00am** Up All Night with Richard Dallyn

TALK RADIO

5.00am Chris Ashley and Sandy Warr **7.00** Paul Ross **9.00** *Scott Chisholm* **12.00** *Lorraine Kelly* **2.00pm** *Tommy* Boyd **4.00** Drivetime, with Peter Deeley **7.00** Moz Dee's Sportszone **10.00** Mike Allen **1.00am** Ian Collins

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST. News on the hour. **6.00am** Newsday **6.30** Europe Today **7.15** The World Today **7.30** Pick of the World **8.15** *Off the Shelf* **8.30** *Music Review* **9.10** *Pause for Thought* **9.15** Performance **9.30** John Peel **10.05** Business **10.15** Born a Girl **10.30** BBC English **10.45** Sport **11.30** Assignment **12.30pm** Focus on Faith **1.05** Business **1.15** *Britain Today* **1.30** Visions of Reality **1.45** Sport **2.00** Newshour **3.05** Outlook **3.30** Multitrack: Alternative **4.05** Football Extra **4.15** Twists of Nature **4.30** News in German **5.00** Europe *Today* **5.30** Business **5.45** Britain Today **6.15** The World Today **6.30** News in German **6.40** Spotlight **6.45** Sport **7.30** Focus on Faith **8.01** Outlook **8.25** Pause for Thought **8.30** Multitrack: Alternative **9.00** Newshour **10.05** Business **10.15** Britain Today **10.30** People and Politics **10.45** Sport **11.30** The World Today **11.45** Sport **12.05am** Outlook **12.30** Multitrack: Alternative **1.30** From the Weeklies **1.45** Britain Today **2.30** The Streets of London **3.30** People and Politics **4.05** Business **4.15** Sport **4.30** Weekend **4.45** Off the Shelf **5.00** Outlook **5.45** Music Brief

CLASSIC FM

4.00am Mark Griffiths **7.00** Mike Read **9.00** Hall of Fame Hour **10.00** Henry Kelly **1.00pm** *Concerto* **3.00** Jamie Crick **7.00** Newsnight **7.30** Sonata **8.00** Evening Concert. Rossini (The Thieving Magpie, Overture); Mozart (Flute & Harp Concerto in C major K229) **10.00** *Michael Mappin* **2.00am** Concerto (r)

VIRGIN RADIO

6.00am Russ 'n' Jono **10.00** Graham Dene **1.00pm** Jeremy Clark **4.00** Nicky Horne **7.00** Paul Coyte (FM) / Robin Banks (AM) **10.00** Alan Freeman **12.00** Mark Forrest **2.00am** Howard Pearce

RADIO 3

6.00am On Air, with Penny Gore. Includes Rossini, arr Respighi (La Boutique Fantasque); Rosetti (String *Quartet, Op 6 No 1*); *Mozart (Rondo in A minor,* K511), Debussy (Violin Sonata in G minor); Bonporti (Invenzione terza in F); Falla (Mazurka in *C minor; Serenata Andaluza*); *Barber (Knoxville:* Summer of 1915)

9.00 Morning Collection, with Catriona Young. Includes Locatelli (Concerto Grosso in E flat, Op 7 No 6, Il Pianto d'Arianna); Elgar (Piano Quintet in A minor, Op 84)

10.00 Musical Encounters. From the Bath International Music Festival. The Vellinger Quartet plays chamber music by Haydn and Schumann, and Ian Partridge, tenor, accompanied by Jennifer Partridge, performs music by Purcell, Brahms, Britten and John Jeffreys

12.00 Composer of the Week: Handel

1.00pm News; Chamber Music from Manchester. Live from Chetham's School of Music. Palladian Ensemble: Pamela Thorby, recorder, Rachel Podger, violin, Susan Heinrich, viola da gamba, William Carter, theorbo-guitar. Castello (Sonata); Schmelzer (Sonata No 7, Duodena Selectarum Sonatarum); Rebel (Violin Sonata No 3 in A minor); Marais (Pieces de viol); Ortiz (Prelude, Recercada Segunda); Matteis (Sett of Ayres)

2.00 Private Passions. Michael Berkeley talks to the conductor Paul Daniel whose musical choices include David Bowie, Rodgers and Hammerstein, Bach, Beethoven, Schubert and Monteverdi (r)

3.00 *Mining the Archive.* Piers Burton-Page introduces a programme of Berlioz recordings performed by the Royal Philharmonic Chorus and Orchestra under Thomas Beecham, and the BBC Symphony Orchestra under Hamilton Harty

5.00 Music Machine, with Verity Sharp

5.15 In Tune. Andrew Green is joined by soprano *Elisabeth Soderstrom.* Includes *Rossini (Overture:* The Silken Ladder); Vaughan Williams (Silent Noon); Saint-Saëns (Cello Concerto No 1 in A minor)

7.30 BBC National Orchestra of Wales, under Tadeaki Otaka, Bella Davidovich, piano. *Schumann (Piano Concerto* in A minor); Bruckner (Symphony No 7)

9.20 Young Indians. In the last of his conversations with young Indian authors, Noah Richler talks to the prizewinning novelist Shashi Tharoor about his fiction and impending history of India since Independence

9.45 Shura Cherkassky. Short pieces from the pianist's repertoire of encores, including Morton Gould's *Boogie-Woogie Etude* (r)

10.00 Hear and Now. Stephen Pratt presents a special edition from Chetham School of Music, Manchester, celebrating the 50th birthday of the composer and double-bass virtuoso Barry Guy. Joining in are the Apollo Saxophone Quartet and the Goldberg Ensemble who play some of Guy's compositions. Includes Michael Torke (July); Barry Guy (Mobile Herbarium, first broadcast; The Bird of Infinity; Flagwalk); Django Bates (Travel Cartoons for the Blind); Piers Hellawell (Sound Carvings from the Water's Edge, first broadcast)

11.30 Composer of the Week: Lehar (r)

12.30am Jazz à la Lee. Mel Hill presents the first of a four-part series exploring *the life and work of the* legendary singer Peggy Lee (r)

1.00 Through the Night, with Donald Macleod. Includes **1.00** Bach **2.00** *Mozart* **4.40** *Royal* Concertgebouw Orchestra **6.00** Sequence

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast (LW) 6.00 News Briefing **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today, includes Thought for the Day **8.40** *Yesterday in Parliament*

9.00 News 9.05 Desert Island Discs. Sue Lawley talks to the comedian Harry Enfield (r)

9.45 *The Truth Is Our Currency.* *The second of four* programmes about television news presented by the former BBC correspondent Martin Bell. This week he looks at the conduct of war reporters and the television companies that employ them

10.00 News; A Dance Called America. The historian James Hunter traces the origins of the transatlantic emigration from the Scottish Highlands. This week he visits Glengarry *County* in Ontario, Canada (2/5)

10.30 Woman's Hour, with Sylvia Horn. Includes a look at information technology *in the nursery*

11.30 The Natural History Programme. Presented by Joanna Pinnock

12.00 News; You and Yours, with Mark Whitaker

12.25pm Food Programme. Natalie Wheen goes back to Hong Kong, the city of her childhood, to sample some of the many culinary delights on offer **12.55** Weather

1.00 *The World at One*, with Nick Clarke

1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast

2.00 News; Classic Serial: Mansfield Park. The first of *Elizabeth* Proud's three-part dramatisation of the novel by Jane Austen. With Hannah Gordon and Amanda Root (r)

3.00 *News*; The Afternoon Shift, with Laurie Taylor

4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope. Paul Allen experiences *Titus Andronicus* through the National Theatre of Craiova, Romania, and looks at a new theatre project in Newcastle

4.45 Short Story: You Can Hear the Boats *Go By*, Written and read by Emily Perkins

5.00 PM, with Charlie Lee-Potter and Chris Lowe **5.50** *Shipping Forecast* **5.55** *Weather*

6.00 Six O'Clock News

6.30 Growing Spaces. Denis and Edna Healey show off their *Sussex garden. Plus David Stevens* explores the work of the celebrated Scottish architect Sir Robert Lorimer

7.00 News 7.05 The Archers

7.20 Pick of the Week. Chris Serle presents his selection of extracts from BBC radio and television

8.05 Any Questions? Jonathan Dimbleby chairs the topical debate from Cannock, Staffordshire, with panellists Edwina Currie, *Max Hastings, Margaret* Hodge, MP, and Professor Ben Pimlott

8.50 Law in Action. See Choice

9.15 Letter from America, by *Alistair Cooke*

9.30 Kaleidoscope Feature. Sean Street explores the ways in which artists using different media work with memory (r)

10.00 The World Tonight, with Robin Lustig

10.45 Book at Bedtime: The Grass is Singing, by Doris Lessing. Read by Janet Suzman (10/10) (r)

11.00 Week Ending. A *special show* recorded in front *of a studio audience as part of BBC Radio's* Music Live 97 festival from Manchester. Toby Longworth returns with Sally Grace, Dave Lamb and Jon Glover

11.25 Fourth Column. A quizzical look at life presented by *Times* columnist John Diamond

11.45 Today in *Parliament*. A roundup of the day's events in Westminster

12.00 News 12.30 The Late Book: A White Merc with Fins, by James Hawes (5/8)

12.48 Shipping Forecast 1.00 As World Service

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I had to watch television with nothing on

REVIEW

Peter Barnard

An acquaintance of mine is fond of working the conversation around to television in order to boast that he never watches it. The reason he never watches television is that there is "never anything on". We then have a ritualistic argument concerning how he knows there is nothing on if he never watches television, and the mysterious fact that there always seems to be something on my television even if there is nothing on his.

So I hope he will not be reading this piece, because last night there was nothing on television. This is an unpromising admission, 98 words into a column that is supposed to stretch to 950, but I trust you will be sustained by the tension of wondering if I will make it without recourse to what journalists call "judicious use of white space".

My acquaintaince often qualifies his statement about there being nothing on television by saying: "When I say there is nothing on television, I mean ..." Similarly, when I say there was nothing on television last night, I mean there was nothing much beyond part-rum series, much-written-about factual programmes and This Life.

Aha! *This Life* (BBC2). Now there is a lifebelt for a drowning critic if ever I spotted one on a dull, grey sea. *This Life* is the only soap I have ever watched without missing an episode, or was before the BBC launched the latest series at the maddeningly inconvenient time of 9.30pm. The switch means that I have now missed a couple of episodes, so I have no idea why Egg is working in some sort of charity café.

For those who may still be unfamiliar with the show, *This Life* is about five twentysomething lawyers sharing a house, except that one of them, Warren, has gone off on a world tour and another, the aforesaid Egg, gave up lawyering and became a bit of a layabout.

The other three are Milly, who is a solicitor and Egg's partner, and Anna and Miles, both barristers in the same chambers and on occasion both barristers in the same bed: perhaps one day they will get it all together at work and play and name their house "Bedchambers". Meanwhile, the sexual tension between Anna and Miles is one of the programme's sustaining themes, temporarily eclipsed last night by Milly's Big Decision.

Would she or would she not agree to go to Paris with her boss, Mr O'Donnell? A business trip, he said, but hey, nobody was believing that. *Milly turned him down in* the end, but then rushed back to the office to tell O'Donnell she had changed her mind, only to find O'Donnell (smooth, or what?) had offered the trip to another woman on the staff.

The thing about *This Life* is that you can believe it. I do not pretend to know many people in their twenties, nor would I presume to suggest that these are typical. A *critic or two has suggested that this* lot, with their recreational sex and their recreational drugs, are pretty poor examples. But this is a television show, not a Billy Graham rally.

And, in any event, what actually happens in *This Life* is only half the point. These are young people feeling their way forward, trying things here and there, taking in this, rejecting that. How else to grow? They could all end up in the next-but-one Blair Cabinet, vying for the leadership as Tony totters off to the (reformed) Lords.

But 581 words on *This Life* does not a column make, so I turn to Channel 4 for help. **Health Alert** would be a respectable programme for review even if there was something on the telly, so on a night like last night *Health Alert* became a positive beacon of light, even if some of the close-ups on which the light shone were not a pretty sight.

Acne is a condition generally associated with teenagers and often treated with a mixture of ribaldry and outright cruelty by those who do not suffer from it. But acne can strike at any time, is not caused by going unwashed (too much washing makes it worse) and science has yet to find a surefire cure.

Health Alert was subtitled *My Friends Call Me Pizza-Face* — and that is exactly what some of the youngsters in the programme were called by their peers. Michael Hall, now 27 and a sufferer for many years, refused to leave his bedroom at one stage: he felt "branded" by the condition.

Michelle Allen became suicidal and her mother recalled how, each day when she returned to the house, she rushed upstairs to make sure that Michelle was still alive. Such are the consequences of living in a *society too impressed by outward* appearances. Dr Tony Chu, founder of the Acne Support Group, said that "laser resurfacing", which can remove the scars which acne leaves behind, has to be paid for by the patient because it is seen as cosmetic surgery. He is right to imply that the removal of scarring is far different from changing a nose one doesn't happen to like.

BBC2 has been running a 15-minute series entitled *A Woman Called Smith*, whose subjects have nothing in common beyond their surname. Last night it was about Alison Smith, who formed an ambition to become a midwife when the one who attended her admitted she had not had children and therefore had no idea what giving birth was like.

But Alison is torn between careers. She has begun selling erotic lingerie and various associated "toys" which run on batteries. *She holds parties for groups of* women who have a great time playing ... oh dear. I seem to have run out of space. What a relief.

BBC1

6.00am Business Breakfast (54014)
7.00 BBC Breakfast News (T) (59472)
9.00 Breakfast News Extra (T) (3704168)
9.20 Style Challenge (6248385)
9.45 Kilroy (7593033)
10.30 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (26502)
11.00 News (T) **Regional News** and weather (7344878)
11.05 The Great Escape (7781878)
11.35 Real Rooms A Coventry dining room is transformed (8642192)
12.00 News (T) and weather (8971149)
12.05pm Call My Bluff (8619255)
12.35 The Practice Last in series (9050255)
1.00 News (T) and weather (69859)
1.30 Regional News and weather (86394168)
1.40 The Weather Show (99563255)
1.45 Neighbours (40483897)
2.10 Quincy (6222859)
2.55 Through the Keyhole Loyd Grossman snoops around two celebrity homes (6981052)
3.20 Connoisseurs' Collections A set of James Bond books reveal a surprising amount about antiques expert Paul Viney (6025323)
3.30 Playdays (8844323) **3.50** Plasmo (5101410) **3.55** Bodger and Badger (6364588) **4.10** *Ace Ventura: Pet Detective* (4728507) **4.35** Clarissa Explains It All (1956323) **5.00** Newsround (T) (4114255) **5.10** Blue Peter (T) (6983781)
5.35 Neighbours (r) (T) (109526)
6.00 News (T) and weather (965)
6.30 Regional News (217)
7.00 Weekend Watchdog Anne Robinson and the team check out badly organised golf tournaments (T) (4323)
7.30 Top of the Pops The latest hits, pre-chart sounds and live performances (T) (101)
8.00 X Cars One car is stolen every minute in Britain. Manchester police have set up a crack undercover squad to tackle the problem of car theft (r) (T) (8453)
8.30 A Question of Sport David Coleman asks the questions in the lighthearted quiz as *regulars* Ally McCoist and John Parrott lead the teams vying for victory (T) (9878)
9.00 News (T) and weather (1830)
9.30 Indecent Proposal (1993) FILM Penniless architect's wife Demi Moore's has her life turned upside down by billionaire Robert Redford, who offers her $1 million to spend a night with him. Directed by Adrian Lyne (566472)
11.25 A Woman Scorned FILM *Meredith Baxter* stars as a woman who suspects her husband is having an affair. Directed by Dick Lowry (451656) **WALES: 11.25** The Gert Escape (299323) **11.55** FILM: A Woman Scorned (424762) **1.25am** FILM: They're a Weird Mob 678521) **3.10** News headlines and weather (78180569)
12.55am They're a Weird Mob (1966) FILM with Walter Chiari and Clare Dunne. Australian *comedy centring on the trials and tribu*lations faced by a young Italian struggling to fit into Sydney's way of life. Directed by Michael Powell (654415)
2.40 Weather (1649540)

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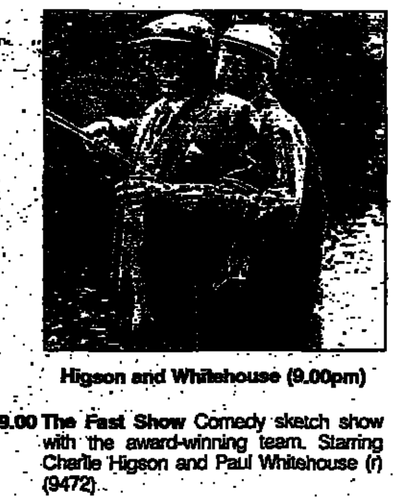
BBC2

6.00am Open University: Global Firms, Shrinking Worlds (8063323) **6.25** The Question of Sovereignty (7185439)
7.15 News (T) (3425033) **7.30** Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles (r) (T) (8647385) **7.55** 50/50 (r) (1737743) **8.20** Adventures of the Garden Fairies (3746014) **8.25** Tales of the Tooth Fairies (r) (6950694)
8.35 The Record (3838217) **9.00** The French Experience (3771830) **9.15** The French Collection (568174) **9.45** Watch (7175675) **10.00** Teletubbies (44052) **10.30** Watch Out (6358323) **10.45** Pathways of Belief (6353878) **11.00** Look and Read Special (6201033) **11.20** Job Bank (5983120) **11.40** The Geography Programme (4987491)
12.00 English File: Poetry Backpack The poetry of William Blake (T) (90656)
12.30pm Working Lunch (50526) **1.00** Job Bank (45524978) **1.10** Job Bank (85311236) **1.20** The Developing World (70118052) **1.45** Words and Pictures (86371217) **2.00** Adventures of the Garden Fairies (30659120) **2.05** Tales of the Tooth Fairies (r) (30658491)
2.10 International Golf and Women's Tennis Action from the PGA championship at Wentworth and the women's world doubles cup from Craiglockhart, Edinburgh (42186897)
6.45 The Simpsons (T) (262255)
7.10 Great Railway Journeys Chris Bonington is in Canada to travel on the spectacular Halifax to Porteau Cove line (r) (T) (959675)
8.00 Visions of Snowdonia Features RSPB officer Iolo Williams (T) (8385)
8.30 Gardeners' World Gay Search dis*covers the latest in garden design at the* Chelsea Flower Show (T) (3520)



Higson and Whitehouse (9.00pm)

9.00 The Fast Show Comedy sketch show with the award-winning team. Starring Charlie Higson and Paul Whitehouse (r) (9472)
9.30 Sunnyside Farm Ray, Wendy and Justin join forces in an attempt to stop smitten Ken's marriage of convenience to Conchita. Last in series (T) (30762)
10.00 Have I Got News for You *Eve Pollard* and Sue Perkins are the guests (T) (91385)
10.30 Newsnight (T) (447878)
11.15 Space: Above and Beyond (482101)
12.00 This Life Miles and Egg get a visit from the police (r) (T) (4457453)
12.45am The Premonition (1992) FILM A high-school student has violent and erotic hallucinations and is obsessed with her teacher. When her sinister visions become reality, a lighthearted celebration turns into a black mass. In Swedish with English subtitles (311298)
2.35-2.40 Weather (1622873)

HTV

6.00am GMTV (4357526)
***9.25 Supermarket Sweep** (r) (T) (6256304)*
9.55 Regional News (3681439)
10.00 The Time, the Place (48878)
10.30 This Morning (62593410)
12.20pm Regional News (T) (8960033)
12.30 News (T) and weather (9046052)
12.55 Our House (r) (9021743) **1.25** Home and Away (T) (70119149) **1.50** Murder, She Wrote (r) (8486743) **2.50** Garden *Calendar (T) (2366781)*
3.20 News (T) (6036439)
3.25 Regional News (T) (6028410)
3.30 Rosie and Jim (6389897) **3.40** Slim Pig (7900304) **3.50** Cartoon Time (7906588) **4.00** The Treacle People (T) (7297946) **4.15** Where's Wally? (r) (T) (4712946) **4.40** Crazy Cottage (T) (9121439)
5.10 A Country Practice (7609965)
5.40 News (T) and weather (342304)
6.00 Home and Away (r) (T) (186101)
6.25 HTV Weather (456110)
6.30 The West Tonight (T) (385)
7.00 Lucky Numbers (T) (9491)
7.30 Coronation Street Gary and Judy are subjected to a sinister threat, while it looks as if Bill and Maureen have reached the end of the road (T) (897)
8.00 The Bill Beech is found beaten unconscious in a deserted alleyway (T) (5439)
8.30 See You Friday Lucy travels to Newcastle, with high hopes of spending some time alone with Greg — but she doesn't bank on his sister Fiona, who has already made alternative plans (T) (4946)

Warriner and Moyer square up (9.00)

9.00 The Grand Wedding bells ring for *Marcus, but will he allow marriage to end his pursuit of Sarah? With Mark McGann* and Amanda Mealing. Last in series (T) (3168)
10.00 News (T) and weather (28439)
10.30 The West Tonight Update (845526)
10.40 Sounds of the West Featuring reggae music and its dub — its studio remix offshoot (724439)
11.15 Frankenstein Unbound (1990) FILM with John Hurt, Raul Julia and Bridget Fonda. A 21st-century scientist travels back in time to 19th-century Switzerland and comes face to face with Dr Frankenstein. Directed by Roger Corman (466588)
12.40am Bonkers (T) (4918144)
1.40 Club Nation (T) (6809960)
2.40 A French Mistress (1960, b/w) FILM A wry academic spoof with Cecil Parker, Ian Bannen and Agnes Laurent. Directed by Roy Boulting (613540)
4.30 Collins and Maconie's Movie Club (r) (86540)
5.00 Coronation Street (r) (T) (39144)
5.30 News (22279)

CENTRAL

As HTV West except:
12.55pm-1.25 A Country Practice (9021743)
2.50-3.20 Secrets from the Secret Garden (2366781)
5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (7609965)
6.25-7.00 Central News (484526)
10.40 Film: Stealing Home (99815728)
12.30am Sound Bites (6114873)
12.40 In Bed with MeDinner (5478619)
2.10 Baywatch (6422811)
3.00 Cyber Cafe (49049076)
3.25 Helter Skelter (1423057)
4.15 Central Jobfinder '97 (9637057)
5.20 Asian Eye (8773347)

WESTCOUNTRY

As HTV West except:
12.20pm-12.30 Illuminations (8960033)
12.55 Home and Away (9021743)
1.25 Wish You Were Here? (22947675)
1.55 Blue Heelers (8494762)
2.50-3.20 Gardeners' Diary (2366781)
5.10-5.40 Home and Away (7609965)
6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live (22743)
10.40 Film: Loverboy (55121830)

MERIDIAN

As HTV West except:
12.55-1.25 A Country Practice (9021743)
1.55 Michael Barry's Undiscovered Cooks (40458101)
2.25-3.20 Murder, She Wrote (7994365)
5.10-5.40 Home and Away (7609965)
6.00-7.00 Meridian Tonight (22743)
10.30 Meridian News and Weather (836878)
10.45 Highlander (921255)
11.40 Wiseguy (848743)
5.00am Freescreen (39144)

ANGLIA

As HTV West except:
12.55-1.25 A Country Practice (9021743)
***1.55 Murder, She Wrote** (8494762)*
2.50-3.20 Yan Can Cook: The Best of China (2366781)
5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (7609965)
6.23 Anglia Weather (501269)
6.25-7.00 Anglia News (484526)
10.40 There's Only One Barry Fry (912507)
11.40 Beadle Late (266255)
12.10am Alfred Hitchcock Presents (2393960)

S4C

Starts: 6.00am Sesame Street (70052) **7.00 The Big Breakfast** (75410) **9.00 Bewitched** (26548) **9.30 Ysgolion** (878526) **12.00 Australia Wild** (18052) **12.30pm Ricki Lake** (45694) **1.00 Slot Meithrin** (39229584) **1.15 Slot Syniadau Sali** (34279089) **1.30 Film: The** ***Colditz Story** (94737120) **3.15 Small Talk*** (9690474) **3.30 Moving People** (491) **4.00 Fifteen-to-One** (526) **4.30 Health Alert** (410) **5.00 5 Pump** (7897) **5.30 Countdown** (762) **6.00 Newyddion** (700830) **6.05 Heno** (104507) **6.35 Sion a Sian** (256912) **7.00 Pobol y Cwm** (207588) **7.25 Hong Kong Pwy** (589965) **8.00 Olion Ddoe** (6781) **8.30 Newyddion** (2588) **9.00 To the Ends of the Earth: The Wrecks of the Condor Reef** (4410) **10.00 Brookside** (19781) **10.30 Phil Kay Feels** (726897) **11.05 Eurotrash** (292410) **11.35 TFI Friday** (137453) **12.40am Robin** (9450960) **12.45 Film: Theatre of Blood** (133347) **2.40 Film: The House In Nightmare Park** (879279) **4.20-5.35 Film: It's Never Too Late to Mend** (7277540)

CHANNEL 4

6.00am Sesame Street (r) (70052) **7.00** The Big Breakfast (75410) **9.00** Bewitched (r) (T) (26548)
9.30 Schools: Eureka! (T) **9.45** Stop, Look, Listen (T) **10.00** Fourways Farm **10.10** Scotscapes **10.25** The Technology Programme **10.40** Off Limits **11.05** The Score **11.20** Stage One (T) **11.35** Schools at Work **11.40** GNVQ Is It For You? (T) (878526)
12.00 Garden Party (r) (T) (18052) **12.30pm** *Light Lunch (31120)* **1.30** *Pat and Mike*, followed by Garage Door Animation (90820033)
1.50 Train of Events (1949, b/w) FILM with Jack Warner and Susan Shaw. Four stories about different people involved in the crash of the night train from Euston to Liverpool. Directed by Sidney Colem, Charles Crichton and Basil Dearden (T) (46740897)
***3.25 Soak It Up** (r) (T) (6026052)* **3.30** *Moving* People (r) (T) (491) **4.00** Fifteen-to-One (T) (526) **4.30** Countdown (T) (410)
5.00 Countdown: The 2,000th Edition (T) (7897) **5.30** Pet Rescue (T) (762)
6.00 TFI Friday Among the guests is Des Lynam (20385)
7.00 Channel 4 News (T) (955859)
7.50 Soak It Up (r) (T) (906507)
***8.00 Garden Party** This week the experts are* in the cottage garden of The Marsh, by the River Lugg in Herefordshire (T) (6781)
8.30 Brookside (T) (2588)

Shepherd and Baranski (9.00pm)

9.00 CHOICE **Cybill: Bringing Home The Bacon** The start of a new series (T) (4168)
9.30 Spin City: Striptease Michael discovers that his new girlfriend is paying her way through law school by working as a stripper *(T) (25830)*
10.00 Frasier: Beloved Infidel Frasier and Martin discover they have something in common (r) (T) (19781)
10.30 Phil Kay Feels ... Wet The comedian finds himself marooned on a desert island. Last in series (T) (726897)
11.05 Eurotrash (292410)
11.35 TFI Friday (r) (847014)
***12.35am Robin** (9460347)*
12.40 Theatre of Blood (1973) FILM with Vincent Price as a Shakespearean actor who wreaks revenge on the critics who refused to give him an award. Directed by Douglas Hickox (307095)
2.30 Soak It Up (r) (T) (6652095)
2.40 The House In Nightmare Park (1973). A FILM comedy horror with Frankie Howerd and Ray Milland. Directed by Peter Sykes (T) (879279)
4.20-6.00 It's Never Too Late to Mend FILM (1937, b/w) with Tod Slaughter as an evil squire. Directed by David MacDonald (270732)

CHANNEL 5

CHANNEL 5 ON SATELLITE
Channel 5 is now broadcasting on transponder No 63 on the Astra Satellite. Viewers with a **Videocrypt** decoder will be able to receive the channel free of charge. Frequencies for transponder No 63 are picture: **10.92075 GHz**; sound: **7.02 and 7.20 MHz**

6.00am 5 News Early (8460255)
7.30 Havakazoo (5215675) **8.00** Adventures of the Bush Patrol (8165897) **8.30** WideWorld (8164168)
9.00 Espresso (2195120) **10.00** Exclusive (r) (7772033) **10.30** Nancy Lam (r) (8144304) **11.00** Leeza (9811304) **11.50** Double Espresso (34112694) **12.00** The Bold and the Beautiful (T) (8135656) **12.30pm** Family Affairs (r) (T) (4247675) **1.00** News Update (49563694) **1.05** Sunset Beach (T) (3224217) **2.00** 5's Company (7746946)

Cary Grant, Rosalind Russell (3.30)

3.30 His Girl Friday (1940, b/w) FILM Classic romantic comedy with Cary Grant and Rosalind Russell, directed by Howard Hawks (3093588)
5.20 5's Company Late Extra (35001217)
5.30 100 Per Cent (9917897)
6.00 Whittle (T) (9907410)
6.30 Family Affairs (T) (9998762)
***7.00 Exclusive** (9263453)*
7.30 Wildlife SOS The team rescue a Canada Goose entangled in a fishing line, and a badger trapped in a wartime air-raid shelter. Plus delightful footage of fox clubs with their mother (T) (9994946)
8.00 Attractions with Tim Vincent (3968061)
8.30 5 News (8343366)
9.00 Against Their Will (1994) FILM with Judith Light, Stacy Keach and Kay Lenz. A woman's suffering at the hands of the US justice system. Directed by Karen Arthur (90074149)
10.50 Exclusive Extra (r) (4213897)
11.00 Jack Docherty Show (5560472)
11.40 Club Class Comedy (5971781)
12.10am News and Sport (6310521)
12.15 Confessions of a Pop Performer FILM (1975) with Robin Askwith, Anthony Booth and Bill Maynard. The second in the bawdy comedy series directed by Norman Cohen (1495637)
1.55 Blind Judgement: Seduction in Travis County FILM (1991) with Peter Coyote, Leslie Ann Warren and Jean Smart. Thriller about a successful lawyer whose life is turned upside down when he takes on a client accused of murder. Directed by George Kaczender (1523453)
3.35 Burke's Law (6104588)
4.25 The Road Country music (24376743)
4.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H (4802873)
5.30 100 Per Cent (r) (2150057)

SATELLITE AND CABLE

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SKY 1

6.00am Morning Glory (251120) **9.00** Regis and Kathie Lee (24385) **10.00** Another World (16781) **11.00** Days of Our Lives (63007) **12.00** Oprah Winfrey (86965) **1.00pm** Geraldo (62385) **2.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (69365) **3.00** Jenny Jones (95149) **4.00** Oprah Winfrey (74656) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (1878) **6.00** Real TV (4830) **6.30** Married — with Children (8410) **7.00** The Simpsons (2507) **7.30** M*A*S*H (4694) **8.00** JAG (27236) **9.00** Walker, Texas Ranger (44912) **10.00** High Incident (17859) **11.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (17410) **12.00** America's Dumbest Criminals (67368) **12.30am** L.A.P.D. (28989) **1.00** Hit Mix (9872589)

SKY 2

7.00pm Superboy (3947762) **7.30** Superboy (3734304) **8.00** Hercules: The Legendary Journeys (7966762) **9.00** Pacific Drive (7986526) **10.00** Tales from the Crypt (2078859) **10.30** Tales from the Crypt (2087507) **11.00** Late Show (4806149) **12.00** Hit Mix (4056250)

SKY NEWS

Worldwide news coverage, with bulletins on the hour, 24 hours a day, seven days a week

SKY MOVIES

6.10am Season of Change (1994) (45018491) **7.50 The Slipper and the Rose** (1976) (92826859) **10.15 Red** (1986) (83426830) **12.00 Season of Change** (1994) (73588) **2.00pm Phase IV** (1973) (86762) **3.30 Running Free** (1994) (50897) **5.00 The Magic of the Golden Bear** (1995) (46859) **7.00 Wagons East! PG** (1994) (13694) **9.00 To Die For** (1995) (15491) ***11.00 Hostage Flight*** (1985) (557410) **12.45am The Mangler** (1994) (298873) **2.30 Wrestling Ernest Hemingway** (1994) (47279) **4.30 Red** (1986) (85927)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.05am The Command (1954) (64117255) **9.00 Jim's Gift** (1994) (81507) **10.00 Hollywood Cavalcade** (1939) (75588) **12.00 My Girl II** (1994) (64830) **2.00pm The Other Mother** (1995) (22781) **4.00 Jim's Gift** (1994) (7052) **6.00 Little Miss Millions** (1992) (32304) **7.30** UK Top 10 (7304) **8.00 Legacy of Sin: The William Coit Jnr. Story** (1991) **10.00 Dr Jekyll and Ms Hyde** (1994) (935149) **11.35 Wyatt Earp** (1994) (25294174) **2.45am It Was Him or Us** (1995) (409434) **4.25 Sherlock Holmes and the Baskerville Curse** (1983) (809366)

SKY MOVIES GOLD

6.00pm *Sunset Boulevard* (1950) (2873656) **8.00 Running Scared** (1986) (2678101) **10.00 *Heartbreak Ridge*** (1986) (21811743) **12.15am Thank God It's Friday** (1978) (6257705) **1.45 Paths of Glory** (1957) (6245960) **3.15-5.20 The Treasure of the Sierra Madre** (1948) (45096163)

TNT

8.00pm WCW Nitro (37115676) **9.00 Somebody Up There Likes Me** (1956) (37118762) **11.00 Heart of Darkness** (1994) (56445782) **12.50am The Beast with Five Fingers** (1946) (80440502) **2.20-5.00 Somebody Up There Likes Me** (1956) (92499873)

SKY SPORTS 1

7.00am Sports Centre (53236) **7.30** Wrestling: Superstars (98965) **8.30** Racing News (66236) **9.00** Powerboat and Jetski World (57588) **9.30** Aerobics Oz Style (77728) **10.00** Trans World Sport (61256) **11.00** Formula Three Racing (41491) **12.00** Aerobics Oz Style (60052) **12.30pm** Super League (62052) **2.30** Skiff Sailing (1385) **3.00** Year of the Giant-Killers 1996-1997 (36304) **4.50** Sports Centre (6118946) **5.00** Snowboard Show (7217) **5.30** Lions on Tour (5101) **6.00** Sports Centre (89675) **7.00** Live Super League (899965) **9.29** Sports Centre (202149) **9.30** Lions on Tour (84120) **10.00** Sports Centre (48743) **11.00** Hold the Back Page (39556) **12.00** Australian Rules Football (33908) **2.00am** Wrestling: Raw (49705) **4.00-5.00** Sports Centre (10637)

SKY SPORTS 2

8.00pm End Zone (1429569) **9.00** Football League: Road to the Play-Offs (1432052) **10.00** Wrestling: Raw (5758149) **12.00-1.00am** Road to the Play-Offs (3290163)

SKY SPORTS 3

12.00 Pro Beach Soccer (95760526) **1.00pm** Spanish Football (92369965) **3.00** US Golf: The Colonial (65377014) **5.00** Extreme (80276588) **5.30** Powerboat and Jetski World (23375491) **6.00** Skiff Sailing (23372304) **6.30** The Winning Post (73124507) **9.00** Live US Golf (37110120) **11.00-12.00** Powerwoek (79271946)

EUROSPORT

7.30am Sailing (67439) **8.00** Gymnastics (38439) **10.00** Modern Pentathlon (31526) **10.30** Motor Sport (71168) **11.00** Motorsports (43958) **12.00** IndyCar (85859) **1.00pm** Mountain Bike (47675) **1.30** Marathon (98323) **2.00** Martial Arts (62323) **4.00** *Tennis (52694)* ***5.30*** *Live Weightlifting* (86978) **6.30** Bodybuilding (1762) **7.00** Live Weightlifting (68188) **9.00** Darts (63052) **10.00** IndyCar (73439) **11.00** Tennis (48255) **11.30** Weightlifting (45052)

UK GOLD

7.00am Tellystack (8852149) **7.35** Neighbours (8246472) **8.00** Crossroads (8958385) **8.25** EastEnders (4424410) **9.00** The Bill (7833217) **9.30** You're Only Young Twice (4070149) **10.00** Spring and Autumn *(4910120)* ***10.30*** *The Sullivans (7822101)* **11.00** Casualty (64872061) **12.05pm** Crossroads (86584965) **12.30** Neighbours (4074965) **1.00** EastEnders (8631897) **1.35** The Two Ronnies (2155588) **2.30** Executive Stress (3994439) **3.00** Goldmaster (4353014) **3.30** The Bill (3968656) **4.00** Boon (3470255) **5.00** Generation Game (63092304) **6.05** EastEnders (9824502) **6.40** Sykes (5762236) **7.20** Russ Abbot (2815101) **8.00** Rising Damp (4354743) **8.30** Freddie Starr (4373878) **9.00** The Bill (3476439) **9.30** The Chef (47745149) ***10.35*** **FILM: The Big Easy** (37748588) **12.25am FILM: Blood Ties** (2518798) **2.00** Shopping at Night (1024057)

GRANADA PLUS

6.00am The Box (4166526) **7.00** Classic Coronation Street (8002859) **7.30** Families (6014894) **8.00** Surprise, Surprise (1134168) **9.00** The Professionals (7143897) **10.00** Richard and Judy Exclusive (9061491) **10.30** Doctor at Large (9429323) **11.00** Love Among the Artists (6090014) **12.00** Classic Coronation Street (9410675) **12.30pm** Families (3204615) **1.00** Albion Market (6094830) **1.30** The Good Life Guide (4654156) **2.00** First Among Equals (9062120) **3.00** Upstairs, Downstairs (9259782) **4.00** Surprise, Surprise (9278897) **5.00** The Professionals (3500507) **6.00** Families (2063265) **6.30** Classic Coronation Street (2054507) **7.00** Surprise, Surprise (6325255) **8.00** Upstairs, Downstairs (6301675) **9.00** Classic Coronation Street (9267781) **9.30** The Comedians (7604471) **10.00-11.00** The Professionals

Gloria Swanson and William Holden (Sky Movies Gold, 6.00pm)

THE DISNEY CHANNEL

6.00am Mouse Tracks (6799033) **6.25** Quack Attack (6718168) **6.50** Bonkers (5311878) **7.15** The Little Mermaid (5843746) **7.40** Aladdin (4890439) **8.05** Quack Pack (2073694) **8.30** Goof Troop (99588) **9.00** The Care Bears (4055217) **9.25** Pooh Corner (4067052) **9.50** Muppet Babies (3992588) **10.15** Grounding Marsh (4566168) **10.40** Sing Me a Story (1761236) **11.05** Microscopic Milton (2260946) **11.10** Big Garage (4870255) **11.25** Play Along (3328507) **11.55** Fraggle Rock (8039656) **12.20pm** Timon and Pumbaa (3978472) **12.35** Boy Meets World (7112236) **1.05** Timon and Pumbaa (88635491) **1.15** Mouse Tracks (207101) **1.45** Aladdin (60662878) **2.10** Goof Troop (24930526) **2.35** Bonkers (8446994) **3.00** Quack Attack (9215304) **3.25** Timon and Pumbaa (2077946) **3.35** The Little Mermaid (8068694) **4.00** Timon and Pumbaa (5923946) **4.10** Goof Troop (6526439) **4.30** Every Day's a Chooseday (9120) **5.00** Aladdin (7535014) **5.25** Timon and Pumbaa (5644548) **5.35** Mighty Ducks (538548) **6.00** Gargoyles (7385) **6.30** The Wonder Years (1965) **7.00** The Wayne Manifesto (3033) **7.30** **FILM: Man of the House** (40781) **9.00-10.00** Flipper (18526)

FOX KIDS NETWORK

6.00am Three Little Ghosts (9006033) **6.30** Inspector Gadget (9325439) **7.00** Samurai Pizza Cats (4880101) **7.30** Power Rangers Zeo (4809238) **8.00** Big Bad Beetleborgs (2067743) **8.30** Crocadoo (2066014) **9.00** Rimbe's Island (3802946) **9.20** The Magic Box (4402101) **9.45** Dudley the Dragon (3785675) **10.15** Rimbas Island (8203410) **10.30** The Magic Box (2066878) **11.00** Jim Jin and the Panda Patrol (6232472) **11.30** Pinocchio (6233101) **12.00** Inspector Gadget (2060830) **12.30pm** VR Troopers (10488878) **12.45** Power Rangers Zeo (8942588) *1.15 Big Bad Beetleborgs* (93682033) **1.30** Eek! (4814946) **2.00** Life with Louie (3943946) **2.30** Crocadoo (3753439) **3.00** Gadget Boy (3955781) **3.30** Eek! (3725658) **4.00** Life with Louie (3737491) **4.30** Power Rangers Zeo (3733675) **5.00** Big Bad Beetleborgs (3987526) **5.30** Spiderman (3757255) **6.00** X Men (3754168) **6.30-7.00** Goosebumps (3738120)

TCC

6.00am Road to Avonlea (90878) **7.00** Dennis the Menace (47859) **8.00** Batman (96491) **8.30** Art Attack (95752) **9.00** Flash Gordon (86014) **9.30** Bobby's World (22304) **10.00** Creepy Crawlers (41526) **10.30** Robinson Sucroe (15526) **11.00** Danger Mouse (74894) **11.30** Gravedale High (75323) **12.00** Oscar's Orchestra (95138) **12.30pm** Halfway Across the Galaxy (26120) **1.00** By Way of the Stars (57675) **1.30** New Black Beauty (25491) **2.00** The Girl from Tomorrow (5491) **2.30** Ocean Odyssey (2830) **3.00** Art Attack (4526) **3.30** Flash Gordon (4675) **4.00** Batman (6410) **4.30-5.00** The Big Dish

CARTOON NETWORK

Non-stop cartoons from **5.00am** to **9.00pm** includes Tom and Jerry, Popeye and The Flintstones

NICKELODEON

6.00am Count Duckula (94781) **6.30** Rocko's Modern Life (13120) **7.00** Hey *Arnold! (51878)* ***7.30*** *Rugrats (30385)* **8.00** Doug (65507) **8.30** Arthur (64678) **9.00** CBBC (60101) **10.00** Wimzie's House (31912) **10.30** Babar (44014) **11.00** Magic School Bus (29120) **11.30** Mr Men/King Rollo/Barney Topsy and Tim/Skylark (37149) **12.00** Bananas in Pyjamas (68694) **12.30pm** Little Bear Stories (77746) **1.00** CBBC (30781) **2.00** Dr Seuss (4507) **2.30** Kissyfur (2255) **3.00** The Chipmunks (3014) **3.30** Bruno the Kid (4472) **4.00** Jumanji (3507) **4.30** Rugrats (2491) **5.00** Sister Sister (5859) ***5.30*** *Moesha (3743)* **6.00** Press Gang (1976) **6.30-7.00** Doug (4236)

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Surrey pair stand firm to secure victory over Australia in opening one-day international

Vibrant England draw first blood

By Alan Lee, cricket correspondent

HEADINGLEY (England won toss): England beat Australia by six wickets

MEMORIES are rarely made of days like this. The weather was too wintry, the pitch too difficult, the game slavish to the bowlers. It all conspired to reduce the glamour of the occasion, but it could do nothing to lower the significance of the result as England fought tenaciously for a victory crucial to their credibility.

Come the end of this Ashes summer, the Texaco Trophy will have faded from the mind, yet this was a day of resonant importance for England as they set out to convince a sceptical public that the advances in management and approach add up to something more than window dressing.

They have taken the vital first step, not without a stumble but ultimately showing style and sinew. On the type of surface that they would like for every game this season, they frustrated Australia and were then carried to victory by an unbroken fifth-wicket stand of 135 between the Surrey pair, Graham Thorpe and Adam Hollioake.

This was a partnership born in desperation. England, needing 171, were 40 for four when they came together, Australia sensing that one more wicket would see the game in their grip. It might have come at any moment of the next half-hour as Hollioake existed precariously, but there followed an hour of increasingly commanding batting.

It culminated in a violent pull for six by Hollioake off Gillespie from the first ball of the 41st over, settling the affair with a deceptive number of wickets and balls in hand. It had not been that straightforward, but England had achieved their goal by playing with a character and method that has sometimes been beyond them. It was a most heartening start.

Hollioake carried the man-of-the-match champagne down to his mother and father, who now seemed hardly to care that their luggage had not arrived with them from Australia. The international career of their eldest son is now properly launched. Two one-day games at the end of last summer and a winter in vibrant charge of the England A team identified him as a compelling personality. Here, he showed something more.

He had already taken two wickets as England's optional sixth bowler. His seam bowling, which looks innocuous, is presented cleverly, with disguised changes of grip and pace, but it is as a No 6 batsman that he must claim his Test place. His innings began edgily, but flowered convincingly. His parents looked proud, and so they might.

England, indeed, were a sight to be proud of throughout the day. Some will scoff at the priority being placed upon image, but none can doubt that they looked impressive in their traditional caps: no more sun hats, no more scruffy baseball caps and smart cricket to match. Michael Atherton won an important toss and his bowlers responded with vitality on a pitch offering enough movement and variation in bounce to examine patience and technique.

Gough led the attack superbly and so long as he maintains such form, England, even without Cork, will offer a threat with the new ball. Gough quickly extracted Taylor, indecisive against a ball that lifted and left him, and a measure of the difficulties was that it took Mark Waugh nine overs to score a run. He had made only 11 when he was bowled, hitting across the line in an effectively erratic opening over from Headley. Ealham, whose controlled line is such an asset on pitches like this, reduced Steve Waugh to cramped, crouched defence and dismissed him leg-before, but, from 43 for three, Australia recovered in the care of Bevan and Blewett.

When Atherton recalled Gough for the 33rd over the game swung decisively as, in successive balls, Bevan was thrown out by Thorpe at mid-on and Blewett dragged on an intended yorker. Two outstanding catches, from Atherton and Ealham, removed the last of the Australian dangers and the innings subsided tamely. The one injustice was that Croft, whose improvement shows no sign of slowing, did not take a wicket.

It was Australia's lowest one-day total against England in 15 games since 1989, but, for a time, they looked like defending it. McGrath was waspish with the new ball — he will be a handful all summer. Atherton fell at the other end, caught down the leg side, but Knight and Stewart were leg-before to McGrath and when Lloyd, sent back by Thorpe, was run out by Blewett, England were ailing fast.

Thorpe had been playing with assurance and now he took command as his young partner found his feet. Hollioake survived one withering over from Gillespie and might have been bowled or caught behind off a googly from Warne. After that, there was no stopping him.

Australia struggled for a fifth bowler and with Warne below his best they could not check England's momentum. Once past 100, the runs came routinely, but the final blow from Hollioake was a statement of considerable intent.

HEADINGLEY SCOREBOARD

England won toss

AUSTRALIA

*M A Taylor c Stewart b Gough (11min, 15 balls, 1 four)	7
M E Waugh b Headley (57min, 37 balls, 1 four)	11
S R Waugh lbw b Ealham (51min, 42 balls, 2 fours)	19
M G Bevan run out (Thorpe) (63min, 56 balls, 3 fours)	30
G S Blewett b Gough (65min, 46 balls, 2 fours)	26
M J Slater c & b Ealham (39min, 31 balls, 2 fours)	17
†I A Healy c Atherton b Hollioake (33min, 33 balls)	17
S K Warne c Thorpe b Hollioake (22min, 18 balls)	4
M S Kasprowicz not out (26min, 18 balls, 1 four)	17
J N Gillespie not out (7min, 5 balls)	3
Extras (lb 7, w 9, nb 1)	17
Total (8 wkts, 50 overs, 195min)	170

Score after 15 overs: 33-2

G D McGrath did not bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-8 (M E Waugh 0), 2-39 (S R Waugh 15), 3-43 (Bevan 0), 4-106 (Blewett 26), 5-106 (Slater 0), 6-140 (Slater 17), 7-140 (Warne 0), 8-157 (Kasprowicz 12)

BOWLING: DeFreitas 9-1-35-0 (w 4, 3 fours, 7-1-21-0, 2-0-14-0); Gough 10-2-33-2 (2 fours, 5-2-6-1, 2-0-18-1, 2-0-9-0); Ealham 8-3-21-2 (w 1, 3 fours, 6-2-19-1, 2-1-2-1); Headley 8-0-36-1 (nb 1, 3 fours, 6-0-22-1, 2-0-14-0); Croft 10-1-16-0 (w 3, one spell); Hollioake 5-0-22-2 (w 1, 1 four, one spell)

ENGLAND

N V Knight lbw b McGrath (21min, 18 balls, 1 four)	12
*M A Atherton c Healy b Kasprowicz (16min, 8 balls)	4
†A J Stewart lbw b McGrath (30min, 22 balls, 1 four)	7
G P Thorpe not out (148min, 103 balls, 7 fours)	75
G D Lloyd run out (Blewett) (12min, 6 balls)	0
A J Hollioake not out (109min, 84 balls, 2 sixes, 5 fours)	66
Extras (b 1, w 6, nb 4)	11
Total (4wkts, 40.1 overs, 171min)	175

Score after 15 overs: 40-4

M A Ealham, P A J DeFreitas, R D B Croft, D Gough and D W Headley did not bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-18 (Knight 12), 2-20 (Stewart 2), 3-32 (Thorpe 6), 4-40 (Thorpe 14)

BOWLING: McGrath 10-2-34-2 (w 1, 3 fours, 7-2-13-2, 3-0-21-0); Kasprowicz 7-0-27-1 (nb 1, w 2, 3 fours; one spell). Gillespie 8.1-1-39-0 (nb 4, w 1; 1 six, 2 fours, 7-1-18-0, 1.1-1-21-0). Warne 10-0-46-0 (1 six, 4 fours, 4-0-20-0, 2-0-17-0, 4-0-9-0); M E Waugh 2-0-16-0 (w 1, 2 fours; one spell), Blewett 3-0-12-0 (w 1, one spell)

England beat Australia by six wickets

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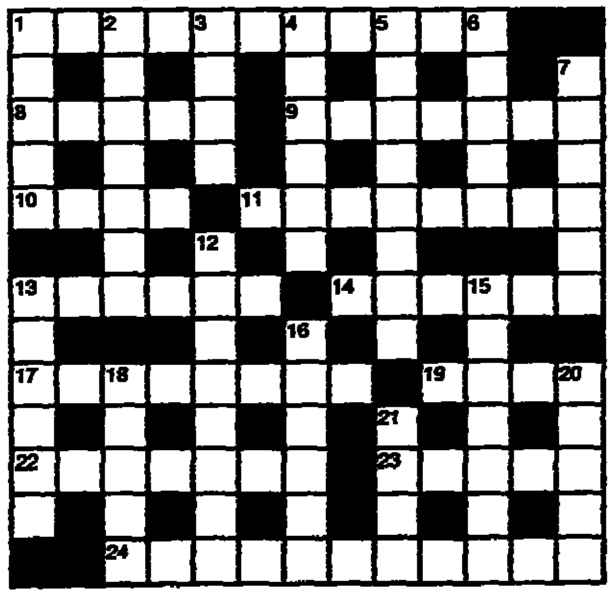

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14 Home-by time (6)
17 Thin dressing-gown (8)
19 Fight; come apart at edge (4)
22 Irreligious; treat disrespectfully (7)
23 Spontaneous combustor (*Dickens*) (5)
24 Triangular pyramid (11)

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4 Menial servant (6)
5 Imposing splendour (8)
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7 Award (6)
12 Watchful (8)
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Hollioake, whose contribution with bat and ball won him the man-of-the-match award, sweeps Warne yesterday. *Photograph: Marc Aspland*

Pragmatism pays for band of brothers

By Simon Wilde

ENGLAND'S defeat of Australia yesterday was good for a number of reasons, but perhaps above all as a victory for their new-found pragmatism. England appear unified to a rare degree in their collective desire to see the enemy beaten and are clearly determined to make it tough for Australia in any way they can.

A first blow was struck long before the tour began with the decision to use the Duke ball, a make preferred by many England bowlers and one with which the Australians are unfamiliar, as Mark Taylor, their captain, admitted yesterday.

England also fielded aggressively and bowled tightly, making excellent use of overcast conditions and a slow, stodgy pitch that was pretty much what David Graveney ordered. The chairman of selectors has asked everyone around the counties to do their bit to bring the Ashes home and, if the England camp has not issued specific instructions about the preparation of pitches for one-day matches, he can have few complaints about what has been served up so far.

The state of the pitches, of course, forms the centrepiece of England's "non-cooperation treaty". For whatever reasons, the Australians have played two of their three serious one-day matches to date in what might be termed "typical" English conditions — and lost them both, having first been caught on a green seamer at Worcester. If Graveney has anything to do with it, there will be plenty more where that came from.

Taylor, who is aware what is in the offing, admitted that yesterday's pitch was awkward, but is unconcerned about the future. "The pitch was a little bit two-paced," he said. "It made strokeplay difficult, but, if this is what we are going to get, we will have to deal with it. We have the bowlers to cope, but it may make for low-scoring Test matches."

Andrew Fogarty, the Headingley groundsman and a good friend of Michael Atherton's from his days working on the square at Old Trafford, said that he was under no instructions as to what to prepare yesterday.

"In one-day cricket, people want to see runs scored. That is what it is all about," he said. "In any case, my preparation was hampered by the appalling weather. I had to keep the covers on for most of the week. The pitch had more cracks in it than I would like, but the ball did not appear to misbehave much when it hit them. The ball may not have come on to the bat truly, but, overall, I was happy.

"At the start of the day, I thought 220 would be about par. It was England's fielding as much as their bowling that kept Australia's total down."

The real examination will come with the Test matches, when groundsmen will be expected to act on the instructions they have been, or will be, given. In the past, England have been notoriously shy about administering guidance in this direction, but not any more.

In fact, the new-ball bowlers of both teams moved the ball around and, at 40 for four, England were in even more trouble than Australia had been. The difference was that they found two batsmen, Thorpe and Hollioake, who were capable of digging them out of the hole. The same thing may not happen in the Tests. It is very early days.

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Defeat casts cloud over Hodgson exit

From Oliver Holt, football correspondent in Milan

ROY HODGSON, the Internazionale manager, who is to take over in charge at Blackburn Rovers next season, was believed to have left the Italian club in tears after a training session at the team's practice ground in Appiano Gentile yesterday morning.

The drama unfolded after one of the Inter players, Javier Zanetti, an Argentinian, appeared to lash out at Hodgson when the manager substituted him in the last minute of extra time during Inter's Uefa Cup final defeat by Schalke 04 in the San Siro stadium on Wednesday night.

Zanetti, who apologised for his "two minutes of madness" yesterday, but later claimed that the reaction was "normal" in the circumstances, had to be pulled away from Hodgson on the touchline. Inter lost the penalty shoot-out at the end of the game 4-1.

Last night, reports here said that Massimo Moratti, the Inter president, had refused to accept Hodgson's resignation and had told him to sleep on his decision and speak to him again today. Inter have only two games left to play before the end of the Serie A season.

It is also thought that the fact that Inter are due to play Napoli on Sunday may have contributed to Hodgson's decision. After the English coach, who enjoyed great success both in Sweden and Switzerland, told Moratti earlier this season that he would be joining Blackburn in the summer, the Inter president announced that he had persuaded Gigi Simone, the Napoli coach, to replace him. After Wednesday's disappointment, Hodgson would now be in an invidious position on Sunday, looking like a lame duck coach.

Blackburn tried to persuade Hodgson to join them earlier in the season, when they parted company with Ray Harford. Hodgson, who has been in charge at Inter for 18 months, initially refused, but, after the Lancashire club had been rejected by Sven Goran Erickson in favour of Lazio, Blackburn went back to him and, this time, Hodgson agreed to become their manager for next season.

"The facilities out here in Milan are fantastic," Hodgson said as his team prepared for the game on Wednesday night, "but they are no better than what there is at Blackburn. There is no way that it will be a culture shock for me."

In the light of Zanetti's actions in the San Siro, Ewood Park may, in fact, be something of a safe haven.

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Ryder Cup outlook cheers Ballesteros

By John Hopkins, golf correspondent

THERE is a festival air at Wentworth, where the Volvo PGA Championship starts today, because everyone who is anyone in golf in Europe — players and officials — is here for one of the best competitive weeks of the year.

Ernie Els, from the beach at George, in South Africa, and Nick Faldo, from the practice ground at Lake Nona, in Florida, have also dropped in to match themselves against one of the classic courses, which this year is longer and fiercer than ever, and compete for a record purse of £1.1 million.

The European Tour held its annual dinner on Wednesday night, when the chief guest was Tim Finchem, the commissioner of the US PGA Tour. In his speech, Colin Montgomerie made special mention of Severiano Ballesteros, whose whole demeanour has changed for the better.

A few months ago, he was doleful and downcast. His golf was awful. Now, there is a smile on his face and he is talking openly and sensibly about the Ryder Cup — in marked contrast to his resigned air earlier in the year.

"The happiness of most professionals is related to the way they are striking the ball," José Maria Olazábal said. "I played with Seve yesterday and he was hitting his irons straight and he missed only one tee shot. That is good. He is relaxed."

The inner recesses of Ballesteros's mind have always been hard to penetrate, yet one can speculate that he seems such a changed man not only because he can hit the occasional shot from the middle of the club, but also because the Ryder Cup team he will captain in September is suddenly shaping up very well.

"Seve is going to have a helluva team," Bernard Gallacher said at the dinner, where he accepted from Ballesteros a replica of the Ryder Cup as thanks for his efforts as player and captain. "He will have Tiger Westwood, Tiger Johansson, Tiger Langer," Gallacher said. It was the only reference, in public at least, to Tiger Woods and it brought a slight smile to Finchem's face and a grin to Ballesteros's.

Costantino Rocca, the defending champion, conveys the impression that life could not be improved if rose petals were strewn in front of his every step. For the man who spent years working in a dreary factory, and has now become one of Europe's best players — and a near certainty for the Ryder Cup team — *la vita* is certainly *dolce*.

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